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**From:** Geoff Burfurd [mailto:gburfurd@bigpond.net.au]

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**To:** Economics, Committee (SEN)

**Subject:** Post 2005 TCF SIP Legislation

I wish to add Pacific Brands support to the submission made to this Inquiry by the Industry Association, the TFIA. I apologise for the lateness of this note of support but am aware that the Association is giving public evidence on Tuesday 3 August 2004 and as Australia's largest TCF supplier Pacific Brands wanted to ensure that you were aware that this industry submission is fully supported by Pacific Brands Ltd. ( The submission we refer to is attached again for your reference)

Without detracting from the more detailed response put by the TFIA we would like to make the general comment that this post SIP policy is necessarily a product of the economic and international constraints that apply in developing any such direct industry assistance program. Our view is that the SIP package foreshadowed and its associated tariff wind down is as "employment favourable " as one could develop in the context of WTO constraints on direct assistance and world trends on tariff reductions for these industries. The post 2005 policy package proposed reflects the years of analysis and experience developed in optimising and fine-tuning policy to meet the conflicting policy objectives of lowering TCF tariffs without unnecessarily destroying sustainable TCF jobs

Whilst we fully support the TFIA submission if there are issues you believe they cannot fully address on our behalf then please contact me directly at this address or by phone ( 0412 352 234)

Yours Faithfully

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