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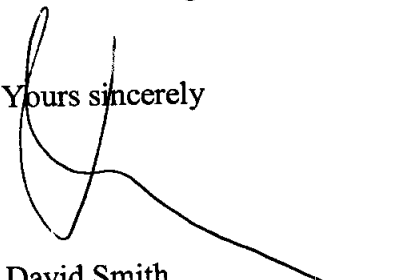
Dear Dr Bachelard

I refer to your letter of 12 December 2003 inviting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to make another submission to the Senate inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in protecting small business.

Please find attached the ACCC's submission on the High Court's decision in *Rural Press Limited v ACCC* [2003] HCA 75 (11 December 2003).

If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact Robert Antich, General Manager, Compliance Strategies Branch, on 6243 1297, at the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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