Inquiry into the Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

On 29 March 2007, the Senate referred the Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 to the Committee. The Committee is to report to the Senate on 4 May 2007.

This bill includes four key measures to implement closer economic relations and reduce duplication in regulatory compliance between Australia and New Zealand. The bill:

- establishes mutual recognition for the issue of securities and interests in managed investment schemes;
- provides for mutual recognition of companies;
- enhances the ACCC's ability to share information with others; and
- protects certain information given, or obtained, by the ACCC.

The Committee invites written submissions which should be sent to:

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Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
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The closing date for submissions is 13 April 2007.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au*, preferably as MS Word or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or telephone the Secretariat on 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, or e-mail at the above address.

Once the Committee accepts your submission, it becomes a confidential committee document and is protected by Parliamentary Privilege. You must **not** release your submission without the Committee's permission. If you do, it is not protected by Parliamentary Privilege. At some stage during the inquiry, the Committee normally makes submissions public. Please indicate if you want your submission to be kept confidential.

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If you need any further information, contact the Committee's Inquiry Secretary Mr Peter Hallahan, on (02) 6277 3541 (phone), (02) 6277 5719 (fax); or by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au* or by writing to:

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