

***Enforcing the secondary boycott provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974***

The Senate Standing Committee on Economics is inquiring into the Trade Practices Amendment (Small Business Protection) Bill 2007. The main objective of this bill is to enable the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to seek compensation for parties affected by the secondary boycott provisions under Sections 45D and 45E of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. The bill amends section 87 of the Act to allow the ACCC to take legal action and pursue compensation on behalf of persons who have suffered or are likely to suffer loss or damage as a result of unlawful secondary boycotts.

The Committee invites written submissions which should be sent to:

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The closing date for submissions is **Friday 24 August 2007**. The committee is to report to the Senate on 5 September 2007.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to [economics.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto: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](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.

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