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Mr John Carter
Committee Secretary
Senate Employment, Workplace relations and Education Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Carter,

**Re: Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005
Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and
Transitional) Bill 2005**

Attached please find a copy of the ACTU submission to the inquiry into the above two Bills.

The ACTU calls for both Bills to be rejected. The reason for this opposition goes to the:

- The circumstances existing in the industry have not changed such that the view formed by Senate References Committee in the majority report and the Democrats minority report that the entirety of the 2003 Bill be rejected should be reviewed.
- The Bill seeks to put into effect a retrospective definition of unlawful industrial action.
- The Bill constitutes an unbalanced approach to the to the building and construction industry.

The ACTU would welcome the opportunity to appear before the Committee.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission at email: mbissett@actu.asn.au or telephone: 03 9664 7347.

Yours sincerely

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