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Mr Alistair SANDS Secretary Senate Finance and Administration Committee Department of the Senate Parliament House <u>CANBERRA</u> ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

RE: Inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Programme

I wish to make a clarification in reference to my submission (dated 24th January 2005) to the above mentioned Inquiry.

At the time of my submission, I was under the misapprehension that 'competitive neutrality' was an integral part of the process of 'due diligence'.

Having since gained access to the Internet and also having read submissions to and transcripts of the Inquiry, I now know that this is not the case.

My main issue with some of the grants from the Atherton Tableland Sustainable Region funding was what appeared to me to be the lack of consideration applied to 'competitive neutrality' i.e. the effect of some of these grants on existing businesses including my own.

I reaffirm my concerns on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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