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Dear ACCC

Mandatory news media and digital platforms bargaining code – concepts paper

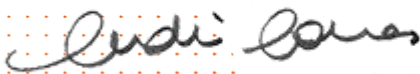
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the concepts paper for the mandatory news media and digital platforms bargaining code.

The ACCC has asked for feedback on appropriate and effective mechanisms for resolving disputes about, and enforcing, compliance with the bargaining code.

In designing a dispute resolution mechanism for the bargaining code, it may be useful for the ACCC to consider how the mechanism may intersect with others the digital platforms could be subject to, such as the proposed Digital Platforms Ombudsman. This will ensure clear pathways exist for all news media companies now and into the future, including those that may be classified as small businesses. Clear dispute resolution pathways will assist news media companies – large and small - determine the most relevant body or external dispute resolution service for their dispute.

I look forward to seeing the draft bargaining code when it is released by the ACCC.

Yours sincerely



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