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Sent: Monday, 15 June 2020 3:39 PM
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Cc: Bezzi, Marcus; !Media; !EO_Parliamentary&GovernmentLiaison; Ghali, Rob
Subject: RE: media inquiry - Australian - TWU letter [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks Catherine,
That makes sense. And thanks for the quick response.

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Hi Geesche

The comment below has been approved by Marcus and Rob:

QUOTE

It came to the ACCC's attention that a member of the trucking industry published comments in an industry publication. These included calling for owner drivers to stick together and not undercut each other as "we can't afford rates to be lowered anywhere in the industry". The ACCC has concerns about any public comments addressed to competitors which encourage arrangements to maintain prices.

The ACCC is highly conscious of the impact COVID-19 is having on Australian customers and businesses. Maintaining competition keeps prices down for consumers. Contravention of the cartel provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 is a criminal offence and carries serious criminal and civil penalties.

Released under FOI

The ACCC will continue to monitor attempts to form arrangements with the purpose of fixing, controlling or maintaining prices and take action where appropriate.

UNQUOTE

Happy to discuss or provide further information,

Thanks

Catherine

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Hi,

A reporter from the Australian is aware of a letter Catherine apparently wrote to the TWU about an oped article by Frank Black in Owner Driver magazine.

The reporter is seeking comment, including why we wrote the original letter in response to an 'opinion'.

Deadline 5pm

I am just caught up with another issue, could I leave it with you for consideration and checking?

I assume a general comment reiterating what the issue in the oped was that was of concern to us would be appropriate?

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