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From: Taljaard, Angela <Angela.Taljaard@acc.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2020 5:21 PM
To: Pavey, Catherine
Subject: RE: Assessment - [REDACTED] about the trucking industry [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Catherine

Yes I am happy to provide an update to Rob, [REDACTED]

Thanks
Angela

From: Pavey, Catherine <catherine.pavey@acc.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2020 4:18 PM
To: Taljaard, Angela <Angela.Taljaard@acc.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Assessment - [REDACTED] about the trucking industry [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Thanks Angela, you were right to prioritise other work over this assessment. I agree with your analysis and recommendation. Are you comfortable presenting to Rob at our catch up tomorrow? I think it's worth flagging (if briefly) because of the Covid reference.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It should also go in the May CCT SCB update – is it on the running list? Jo pulls the matters from there when she drafts the updates.

Happy to discuss,

Catherine

From: Taljaard, Angela <Angela.Taljaard@acc.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2020 11:49 AM
To: Pavey, Catherine <catherine.pavey@acc.gov.au>
Subject: Assessment - [REDACTED] about the trucking industry [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hi Catherine

Thanks for your patience in receiving this assessment.

Please let me know if you are of a different view, require more detail, or if you would like to discuss.

(Also just letting you know that I am off to an early lunch and will be back by 1245)

Thanks
Angela

Referral:

- [REDACTED] forwarded this [link](#) to Cartels from the Owner Driver – an Australian truck publication. The article is dated 16 April 2020 and titled 'Opinion: Maintain your rates.'

Released under FOI

Trader:

- [Frank Black](#), the author, is the owner driver representative on the Australian Trucking Association (ATA) Council. However, we suspect Frank Black drafted the opinion piece in his own personal capacity as a driver owner, not as a member of the ATA.

Alleged problematic paragraphs:

- What does concern me is the cheap freight being offered by people taking advantage of the situation. This is no time for bottom feeders to seek to profit at the expense of others. We can't afford for rates to be lowered anywhere in the industry.
- All that will happen if we undersell our work is that we all end up going bust. The only difference between drivers will be that those who refuse to do a run for no profit won't have run our trucks into the ground in the process and may have something worth selling.
- In harder times, it's more important than ever for us to stick together and stand strong. We all feel the calling of our personal financial needs but undercutting each other to win work will only do harm to us all.

