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Interested Parties  
Sent by email

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Homeworker Code Committee's application for authorisation [AA1000418]— interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) is currently conducting a consultation process on the application for re-authorisation (application for revocation and substitution) received from the Homeworker Code Committee Incorporated (**HWCC**).

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a potentially interested party, to comment on the application. Please see the ACCC's [Applying for authorisation](#) webpage for a summary of the authorisation process and how to make a submission.

#### **The application**

HWCC is seeking re-authorisation in order to continue to give effect to the Homeworkers Code of Conduct, to be renamed 'Ethical Clothing Australia's Code of Practice, Incorporating Homeworkers' (**the Code**).

The Code assists businesses in the textile, clothing and footwear industry in Australia to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements applying to homeworkers or outworkers by providing education and imposing obligations on participants in the supply chain to provide award wages and conditions. Businesses under the code are able to promote their credentials to consumers by displaying the Ethical Clothing Australia license mark and trade mark. Non-compliant businesses may be subjected to or boycotts.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website [www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister](http://www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister). Alternatively, you can contact Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

#### **Request for submissions**

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to HWCC's application for re-authorisation, please do so by **23 May 2018**. Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject AA1000418 – Homeworker Code Committee – submission'.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

## Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information

<b>26 April 2018</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>2 May 2018</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>23 May 2018</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>June 2018</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>July/August 2018</b>	Draft determination.
<b>August 2018</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>September/October 2018</b>	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387 or Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029.

Yours sincerely



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Director  
Adjudication Branch

## Interested Parties List

Homeworker Code Committee application for re-authorisation  
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Department of Jobs and Small Business
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
Fair Work Australia
Defence Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Department of the Treasury
Department of Home Affairs
The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
Victorian Government Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
ACT Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate
Department of State Development South Australia
Department of Commerce
Department of Safety,
Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training
Office of Industrial Relations
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Australian Industry Group
NSW Business Chamber
Cue Clothing Co.
R.M. Williams
CFMEU
Australian Retailers Association
Australian Fashion Council
Asian Women at work
Oxfam Australia
Council of Textile and Fashion Industries of Australia
Pacific Brands
RMIT School of Management, College of Business, Centre for People, Organisation and work
Australian Council of Trade Unions
The Australian Accountability Network
Jets Swimwear
Choice
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Business Council of Australia
National Retailers Association
Fair Wear
Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia
Ramsay McDonald Group
United Bonded Fabrics
DR Manufacturing Pty Ltd
Melbourne Made Pty Ltd
Seapony Australia Pty Ltd

Jenny Bannister Pty Ltd
Technical Textiles & Nonwoven Association
Garland & Garland Fashion
LCN Fashion P/L
Consultant in TCF industry
DNA Manufacturing Pty Ltd
Technical Fabric Services Australia
The Ark Clothing Company
Gouda Pty Ltd
Marion Liese
KarynJ
Drummond & Kindred Trading Co
Ange Lang
MAOICCHI
Beauteston P/L
Markit Apparel Online
Flicker's Australia Pty Limited
Wilderness Wear Australia Pty Ltd
Merino Country Australia
New Model Beauty Queen
Allora Capes
Australian Defence Apparel
Belvedere Hosiery
Canon Fashion
Dharma Bums
DNA Manufacturing
Farm to Hanger
Hard Yakka
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Jagger Sleepwear
LMB knitwear
Miel the Label
Mont Adventure Equipment
Nico Underwear
OCC Apparel
Pearl Button
Sista of Jac
Sphinx Australia
Stewart & Heaton
The Social Outfit
Iole Lingerie
VL Jeans
Arnsdorf
Bondi Born
Margot Design
Vegans for Life