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Subject:	<b>Application for authorisation by the Clay Brick &amp; Paver Institute for itself &amp; on behalf of the Concrete Masonry Association of Australia (A90895)</b>		

Please find attached a request by two members of the Master Builders Association of WA being the West Australian Group Training Scheme Inc. and Skill Hire Pty. Ltd. for a pre-determination conference in connection with the above mentioned application (A90895) and draft determination issued by the Commission on 29 April 2004.

As the Commission will be aware both parties provided the Commission with a common written submission and are effected by the proposed determination in an adverse manner.

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**Re: Application for authorisation lodged by the Clay Brick & Paver Institute for  
itself and on behalf of the Concrete Masonry Association of Australia**

The West Australian Group Training Scheme Inc. and Skill Hire Pty. Ltd. have received a copy of the Draft Determination of the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission in connection with the above mentioned application.

As we read the Draft Determination it is apparent to us the Commission is inclined to approve the Application to impose a levy of \$2.00 per thousand clay bricks and 10 cents per square metre on concrete masonry blocks sold in Western Australia and other nominated states.

The stated purpose of these levies are to increase the number of bricklaying apprentices in each of the nominated states.

We provided a joint written submission to the Commission on 6 February 2004 in which we outlined our "conditional" in-principle support for the levies.

As we read the Draft Determination our concerns about the practical economic impact of the Application on each of our group apprenticeship training companies and others in Western Australia in relation to the employment and training of bricklaying apprentices were not picked up in the Draft. That is, our strong recommendation that the levy funds be made available to all employers of bricklaying apprentices not just the one new bricklaying apprenticeship company as proposed was rejected.

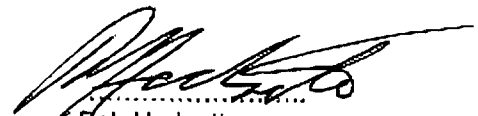
We are disappointed at this outcome and request a pre-determination conference with the Commission to present further oral submissions.

As we understand, the pre-determination conference must be held no later than 7 June 2004.

Arrangements regarding the timing and place of the pre-determination conference may be made with the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

  
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