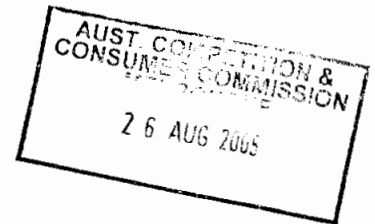




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Mr Gavin Jones
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
GPO Box 520J
Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Mr Jones

Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee - applications for authorisation

I refer to your letters dated 28 July and 17 August 2005 to Anne Wilde in relation to the above matter. Anne Wilde has now left David Jones and I have taken her place as General Counsel.

David Jones' submissions on the Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee applications are as follows.

David Jones unequivocally supports the principle that workers in the clothing industry should be remunerated and work in conditions which are in accordance with the applicable laws, industrial awards and agreements related to that industry. David Jones has been a signatory to the Textile Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia and the Australian Retailers Association Homeworkers Code of Practice for some time. David Jones considers that the arrangements that comprise the Homeworkers Code of Practice have provided and continue to provide public benefits by aiming to ensure that exploitation does not exist. It is David Jones' view that these arrangements do not substantially affect its ability to compete in the market.

Accordingly, David Jones supports the granting of the authorisations sought.

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If you require any further information about the effect of the proposed arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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