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Dear Dr Chadwick,

**RE: ACCC Authorisation of Ethical Clothing Australia Homeworker Code of Practice**

We act for the New South Wales Business Chamber (**NSW Business Chamber**).

The NSW Business Chamber holds a nominated seat on Ethical Clothing Australia's Homeworker Code Committee. Through the NSW Business Chamber's nominated representative, it was able to assist Ethical Clothing Australia (**ECA**) in its revision of the Homeworker Code of Practice (the **Code**) so that ECA was able to submit the Code for ACCC authorisation.

It is generally recognised that outwork is a difficult area of employment. The NSW Business Chamber considers that the Code plays an important role in the textile industry. Accreditation with ECA is voluntary; the Code provides a mechanism to businesses in the industry to both comply with their legal obligations in employing homeworkers and for a public demonstration of compliance. In return, these businesses have the benefit of promoting themselves as ethical Australian manufacturers of quality textiles and clothing.

The NSW Business Chamber acknowledges the efforts of ECA in administering the Code to eliminate unlawful workplace practices in the textile industry and to that end offers its support for the interim authorisation and the final authorisation of the revised Code.

If you have any questions, please contact Zoe Jenkins on (02) 9458 7537.

Yours sincerely

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