

Issues which Technical Fabric Services Australia wishes to raise at the requested pre-decision conference:<sup>1</sup>

- for businesses in federal government supply chains the code is mandatory not voluntary, even if no outworkers are used, since there are no equivalent demands in government procurement policies for overseas supply chains, the costs present a competitive disadvantage with no benefit,
- despite the extension to the Code to include more textiles businesses, no evidence has been presented that workers in textile mills are subject to below award conditions,
- the Code Committee has not engaged in sufficient industry consultation,
- the Homeworker Code Committee is seeking to extend the Code to companies which don't use homeworkers, in particular textiles companies,
- the TCFUA is not conducting the audits under the Code correctly, and
- there is not enough evidence that the Code is effective or necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Summary of emails between the ACCC and Technical Fabric Services Australia on 26-27 June 2013, dot points approved by Technical Fabric Services Australia.