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**From:** Sam Nicolosi  
**Sent:** Thursday, 11 July 2013 2:07 PM  
**To:** Adjudication  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** A91354-A91357 - Homeworker Code Committee pre-decision conference 1st August

Dear General Manager

I would like to attend the “pre-decision conference” as an interested party on behalf of various TCF businesses in Queensland and represent the Creative Industries Skills Council.

The Skills Council is a lead workforce skills development advisory body providing skills development recommendation across a range of industries that include fashion design and clothing production, textile fabrication and production (including knitting, woven and non-woven, leather production and cotton ginning).

Previous decisions by the ACCC regarding homeworker code of practice, led the Skills Council involvement with TFIA and the TCF Union regarding industry work practice and supply chain compliance audits. The Skills Council initiated professional development for teachers and trainers in TAFE and in private registered training organisations to include legislative work practice compliant and ECA requirements as part of the traineeship, apprenticeship and students studying nationally accredited qualifications in fashion design, merchandising, embroidery and clothing production. These national qualifications included Certificate II, III, IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Applied Fashion Design and Technology, Certificate II, III, IV in Clothing Production, Certificate III in Digitising and Computerised Embroidery, Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Fashion and Textile Merchandising.

The “Revocation & Substitution – draft determination” about the dispute resolution mechanism broadening to include all potential stakeholders (eg textile, leather, dry-cleaning businesses, laundries, footwear production and repair, millinery, cotton ginning etc.) is not an option as unethical employment behaviour is not an issue in these potential stakeholder industries. Common sense and the original purpose of the ACCC’s ruling should continue within the current industry scope of coverage and not be extended in accordance with industrial relations coverage arrangements.

The flow on effect of further national skills development into broader industries would be irrelevant and wasteful of business and Skill Council resources.

If you require further clarifications. Please feel free to call me on the mobile below.

Kind regards

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