



**TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974
SECTION 10.47**

**REFERENCE TO THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER
COMMISSION**

Pursuant to section 10.47 of Part X of the *Trade Practices Act 1975*, I John Duncan Anderson, Minister for Transport and Regional Services, hereby refer for investigation and report the question of whether grounds exist in relation to the Australia/South East Asia Trade Facilitation Agreement for me to be satisfied of the matters referred to in section 10.45(a)(iv)(A).

In undertaking the work required by this reference the Commission should give special consideration to the following matters:

- does the operation of the TFA contribute to the provision of adequate outward liner shipping services at internationally competitive freight rates in accordance with the objects of Part X? and
- does the conduct of shipping lines operating under the TFA provide grounds for deregistering the agreement or for seeking undertakings that would make deregistration unnecessary?



JOHN ANDERSON

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