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Workplace Relations Framework
Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
Canberra City ACT 2601

Attention: Mr Anthony Housego

Dear Mr Housego

I would like to submit the attached journal article for consideration by the Productivity Commission in its current Review of the Workplace Relations Framework. The publication details are as follows:

Anthony Forsyth, 'Could Canadian-style Interest Arbitration Work in Australia?' (2015) 43
Australian Business Law Review 121-137

The article addresses matters of relevance to the Productivity Commission's Issues Paper 3: The Bargaining Framework – particularly the role of the Fair Work Commission in resolving protracted collective bargaining disputes. The article argues for an expanded role for the FWC in such instances, drawing upon the various models of "first contract arbitration" operating under federal and provincial labour laws in Canada.

If publishing the article as a submission on its website, the Productivity Commission will need to follow the instructions from the publisher Thomson Reuters, which I have provided by separate email.

Yours sincerely

Professor Anthony Forsyth