

Submission prepared for: Safeguards inquiry into the import of fabricated structural steel**Company name:** Brezac Constructions Pty Ltd**Address:** Crestmead, Queensland, Australia**1. Opening Statement**

Brezac Constructions Pty Ltd welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into imported fabricated structural steel.

This submission provides a non-confidential summary of the company's experience operating within the current market environment.

2. Business Overview

Brezac Constructions Pty Ltd is an Australian manufacturer of fabricated structural steel, operating from a purpose-built facility in Crestmead, Queensland.

The company employs a skilled local workforce and operates more than 20 fabrication workstations, with the capacity to deliver more than 12,000 labour hours per month.

Brezac supplies fabricated structural steel to major infrastructure, transport, mining and industrial projects across Australia.

3. Key Customer Segments

Brezac Constructions supplies fabricated structural steel primarily to Tier 1 and Tier 2 construction contractors delivering major projects across Australia.

These projects are predominantly in the transport sector, including rail, road and urban infrastructure, and are typically funded or commissioned by government authorities.

The company also supplies to infrastructure project alliances and joint ventures responsible for large-scale project delivery, as well as contractors operating in the mining, energy and industrial sectors requiring structural steel for processing plants, conveyors, and associated facilities.

A smaller proportion of work is delivered to commercial and public realm projects, including local government developments and urban infrastructure.

4. Market Environment

Brezac operates in a market characterised by competitive tendering processes, particularly in large infrastructure and industrial projects.

Within this environment, the company has observed an increasing presence of imported fabricated structural steel, including fully fabricated assemblies supplied from overseas.

This has contributed to a more competitive operating environment for domestic manufacturers.

5. Exposure to Import Competition

A significant portion of Brezac Constructions' work is exposed to direct competition from imported fabricated structural steel.

As a result, Brezac is regularly required to compete against suppliers operating under different cost structures and regulatory requirements.

Approximate percentage of revenue exposed to direct import competition: approximately 90%.

This exposure reflects the company's participation in large-scale project-based procurement environments.

This level of exposure contributes to the operating conditions described below.

6. Impact on Business Operations (Indicators of Injury)

Brezac has experienced changes in operating conditions over time, including variability in workload and project flow. These conditions have influenced capacity utilisation, workforce planning and investment decisions.

The company operates in an environment where competitive pressures are a key consideration in tendering processes, and this has contributed to a more constrained operating environment in recent years.

These impacts are consistent with the increased level of import competition observed in the market.

7. HTISC Classification of Manufactured Products

Brezac Constructions manufactures fabricated structural steel products that fall within the scope of the tariff classifications identified in this inquiry, including:

7308100001 – Bridges and bridge-sections of iron or steel

7308900052 – Structural units (hot rolled)

7308900056 – Structural units (general fabricated steel)

7308900057 – Steel grating, stairways and treads

7308900060 – Handrails and stanchions.

8. Public Interest Considerations

A capable domestic fabricated structural steel industry supports:

- infrastructure delivery
- workforce development
- compliance with Australian standards

Maintaining local capability contributes to resilience and flexibility within the supply chain.

9. Use of Temporary Safeguard Measures

The introduction of measures would provide Brezac Constructions with greater certainty to support investment in efficiency, workforce capability and improved utilisation of existing capacity.

A more stable operating environment would assist the business in planning and progressing these activities over the longer term.

10. Conclusion

Brezac Constructions operates within a competitive and evolving market environment, including increased exposure to imported fabricated structural steel.

The company supports consideration of measures that enable domestic manufacturers to operate sustainably while continuing to contribute to infrastructure delivery and industry capability.