
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2026 9:51 AM
To: Chad Uphill
Subject: FW: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Importance: High

Hi Chad,

This is the email trail between the PC and GAA. There is no indication that the PC have determined that they are unable to use the data in their analysis due to the confidentiality requirement. There is some mention by Jessica Read of potentially finding a way to address the confidentiality requirement and publishing, but this wasn't progressed.

I said that we would redact the actual names of the people involved, which may be a bit time consuming. Anyway, it's a start.

Regards,
DV

From: >
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2026 9:41 AM
To: >
Subject: FW: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi David,

Yes.....I think this is the trail. There was a bit of cross-over!

Peter

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2026 9:18 AM
To: <
Cc: <>; Safeguards <safeguards@pc.gov.au>;
<>
Subject: RE: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Ah yep, sure.

Yes, I can imagine potentially wanting to show the change in steel tonnes galvanized on an index basis (with some previous year set at 100, and following years then just showing the percentage change relative to that first year – with no levels shown).

We'll think about this more and come back to you with a specific chart or claim about the data if we want to include it.

Thanks

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From: >

Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 5:21 PM

To: >

Cc:

Subject: Re: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards
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Hi ,

It's unlikely any data could be represented where it could be used to interpret the market size. This is for protection of the local industry from fabricated steel importers and alternative coating suppliers (both local and importers).

If you want to present it as a percentage so that the market size could not be determined at all, this might be okay. Please show me what you might want to present so I can get the okay (or otherwise).

Regards,

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 5:09 PM

To:

Cc: >

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Thanks very much for that.

The data is confidential and will be treated as such.

But would we be allowed to represent annual totals of the quarterly data for tonnes of steel galvanized?

I don't know for certain that we will want to, but just asking now to be ahead of things.

From: Peter Golding
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 12:31 PM
To: <
Cc: _____
Subject: Re: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards
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Hi ,

I've added a tab with the quarterly data.

Regards,

Peter

From:
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 12:13 PM
To: Peter Golding
Cc: > _____
Subject: RE: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards
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Ah ok, thanks for clarifying.

Would be great if you could provide the quarterly data.

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From: Peter Golding <
Sent: Tuesday, 23
June 2026 12:11 PM

To: >

Subject: Re: Follow up - [Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards](#)

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Hi ,

Sorry - the latest data is the moving annual average. I can break it into quarters if you want.

Peter

From: >

Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 11:42 AM

To: Peter Golding

Cc: >

Subject: RE: Follow up - [Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards](#)

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Thanks Peter!

Just want to confirm something.

If look at figure 5 from the confidential submission you provided back at the end of March it seems to indicate quarterly tonnes galvanized ranging from ~80,000 tonnes to ~135,000 tonnes (from 2019 to 2025), but the spreadsheet you've just

sent indicates quarterly tonnes galvanized ranging from 386,663 tonnes (Q1 2026) to 494,126 (Q3 2022) over the same period.

Am I reading the data right? How come the numbers vary?

Cheers

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From: Peter Golding <

Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 11:15 AM

To: >

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Hi

Please find attached the excel file with:

Confidential GAA data showing steel tonnes galvanized in Australia by quarter from 2011.

Two alternatives for Engineering Construction from ABS data. The 'green' line is the data set (8755.0 Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary) where the ABS breaks the data into sectors.

A simple chart plotting this comparison.

From this you can see why we use % to compare for internal purposes as we have no way of separating our internal data beyond the total tonnes. In our experience, data beyond 5 years comparison becomes a little misleading which we think is the loss of relationship between volume and price.

If you have any questions, please call or email.

Regards,

Peter Golding

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From: >

Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2026 10:12 AM

To: Peter Golding <>

Cc: >

Subject: RE: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards

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Hi Peter,

Thanks for your time on the phone just before.

Would greatly appreciate if you could share the data indicated below, and any updates on it that you have based on more recent data you have at hand.

Cheers

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From: Safeguards <safeguards@pc.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 15 May 2026 4:59 PM

To: > Peter Golding <>

Cc: Safeguards <safeguards@pc.gov.au>; _____

Subject: RE: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards
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Hi Peter,

Apologies for the delay, but confirming that we would greatly appreciate if you could share with us the data underpinning figure 1 (on page 4) and the figure on steel tonnes galvanized by quarter (right chart at bottom of page 5) in your confidential submission. We'd appreciate the data as far back in time as possible.

We would like to use this data to help us build a picture of domestic production of fabricated structural steel, required as part of the safeguards investigation. We'd very much like to be able to publish this data if possible – we're happy to discuss ways of presenting the data that might mitigate any confidentiality concerns.

Please let us know if you'd like to discuss.

Cheers,

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From: >

Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2026 4:50 PM

To: Peter Golding <

Cc: Safeguards <safeguards@pc.gov.au>;

Subject: RE: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards
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Hi Peter,

Thank you, we will take a look at your submission and follow up directly if the data sets used in the charts would be helpful.

Regards,

From: Peter Golding <>

Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2026 4:33 PM

To: <

Subject: RE: [Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards](#)
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Hi ,

I have just uploaded our 'in confidence' submission to the PC website.

If you do need the 'in confidence' data sets used in the charts, please let me know and I can send them though as an excel (or csv) file. The ABS data is updated regularly, as are (of course) our market volume statistics. If you want an updated file at any point, please let me know.

Regards,

Peter

Peter Golding

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From: >

Sent: Monday, 30 March 2026 2:53 PM

To: Peter Golding <

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Hi Peter,

I hope you are well.

I'm following up on the email below – would GAA be comfortable sharing the data that you hold on zinc purchases and production volumes, to assist us to estimate domestic fabricated steel volumes?

We are very happy to have a follow up discussion about how the PC would use and store the data, if that would help.

Cheers, e

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From:

Sent: Friday, 13 March 2026 3:46 PM

To: Peter Golding <>

Cc: Safeguards <safeguards@pc.gov.au>;

Subject: Follow up - Productivity Commission meeting on fabricated structural steel safeguards

Hi Peter,

Thanks again for meeting with and the safeguards team last week to discuss our inquiry into fabricated structural steel safeguards.

We committed to share our confidentiality protocols and data handling procedures with you after the meeting, these are set out below, apologies for the delay.

Information which is of a confidential nature or which is submitted in confidence to the PC can be treated as such, provided the cause for such treatment is shown. The information will be stored on secure, password-protected ICT systems and destroyed in accordance with terms detailed in the appropriate records authority.

More detail is set out in our information policy - [Information Policy | Productivity Commission](#)

As discussed, we would very much appreciate if you were able to share the data that you hold on zinc purchases and production volumes, to assist us to estimate domestic fabricated steel volumes.

Happy to discuss further,

Cheers

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