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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Competitive neutrality complaint against the Australian Business Growth Fund [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ABGF_2020 Dec 21_Formal CN Complaint to Productivity Commission.pdf

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Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, on Monday 21st December 2020 the Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office (AGCNCO) received a formal competitive neutrality (CN) complaint against the Australian Business Growth Fund (attached).

The AGCNCO's preliminary investigations of the issues raised by the complaint from On-Market Bookbuilds P/L indicated that the complaint:

- is not better handled by another body
- does not relate to competitive neutrality policies that are being finalised or are currently the subject of review by government
- is not vexatious
- raises issues of substance and with non-trivial resource allocation effects.

The AGCNCO therefore considers there are no grounds for not accepting the complaint and, accordingly, has accepted On-Market's complaint for investigation.

The AGCNCO normally aims to complete its investigations within 90 days. However, the AGCNCO is mindful that this investigation will have to contend with the disruption to normal business activities around Christmas and a very heavy workload dealing with another CN complaint investigation. In view of these circumstances, finalising our investigation may well take longer than usual 90 day completion time.

While this investigation will not get underway until early in the new year, I am available to discuss our investigation with you at any time up to and after the period from 25 December to 4 January.

And, as we discussed, I would be grateful if you would provide me with an appropriate contact within the ABGF, so I can advise them directly of the CN complaint and its content, and about the complaint investigation process.

Kind regards

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