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Australian Productivity Commission
Trans-Tasman Study
GPO Box 1428
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Dear Commissioners

Strengthening Economic Relations between Australia and New Zealand: Joint Australia — New Zealand study

This submission, which comprises mainly the attached October 2010 research paper by ourselves on Australian quarantine measures applied to New Zealand apples, is presented as a case study of a costly trade barrier that ANZCERTA has not addressed and indeed may have helped ensure was not addressed.

The research paper was written in 2010. Although a complaint by New Zealand was upheld by a WTO Dispute Panel in 2010 and an Australian appeal against that ruling was rejected in 2011, the adjustments Australia has made to its import regime have not resulted in any significant quantities of New Zealand apples being admitted.

The submission is made in our personal capacities rather than on behalf of our place of employment.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

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