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Dominique Lowe Research Economist The Productivity Commission. PO Box 80, Belconnen ACT 2616.

Re: Independent Review of Job Network.

I would like to thank you and your team for the time you provided to both John Clark and myself to view our thoughts on the present operations of the Job Network.

As stated we have represented other Recruitment / Labour Hire Companies at several meetings in reference to concerns and Business Advantages sanctioned by the Government with the Job Network agencies.

We welcome the Independent Review of the Job Network examining the results of the high profile Job Network. The review of the controls and systems in relation to not only employment results, but also the cost of these results to the greater community, and stakeholders, is an urgent matter for all Australians who strive for fairness and equity.

It is our belief that aspects of the Job Network are ill conceived and thoroughly flawed. The Job Network providers have been given a status within the recruitment and employment industry, which provides them with a competitive advantage that is unparalleled in any industry. These providers are effectively encouraged to target private enterprise in competition through the use of Government funds and subsidies. The system controls are open to manipulation by the Job Network providers who can use the financial incentives to market their own organization in an un-competitive manner.

The fact remains there is a clear advantage for Job Network Providers to move into and target the role traditionally covered by Labour Hire and or Recruitment companies. Job Network providers have the ability to shift costs and subsidies into temporary Labour Hire positions and off set the real costs of this segment of the industry.

Job Network Providers have also obtained the unique ability to claim for placements when they do not place the client (employee) in a job while obtaining a Business Client list in some cases from private unfunded recruitment and/or labour hire companies. This is absurd. When an agency can claim money for work it did not complete a serious breach of the very basics of responsible government spending and accountability exists.

The Job Network Agency, by demanding information from the Recruitment / Labour Hire Company and / or the placed employee (Client) obtains the Recruitment / Labour Hire Companies Client list, a definite Business Advantage not only in monetary terms.

We understand the compelling reasons for this review. We also understand commentators misguided rational that "if the employment rate is down the Job Network is effective". The fact clearly remains that the Job Network is but a small part in the real reasons, if any, for underlying employment rates to change.

#### Attachments:

- Attach 1,Employment by Job Network Provider of job seekers to promote own business.
- 2. Table A, Job Network Provider compared to recruitment firm.
- 3. Table B, Job Network competitive advantage.
- 4. Attach 2, Use of Job Network Subsidy to target recruitment firms.
- 5. Attach 3, Job Network provider claiming subsidy for Labor Hire placement with non related companies.
- 6. Attach 4,5,6,7,8,9, Job Network Provider seeking confirmation of employment to claim subsidy.
- 7. Attach 10, Rewards Program.

As per our discussions we made reference to the admission of true reputable Recruitment / Labour Hire companies being afforded the same benefits of the Job Network Agencies and the training of the Clients (employee's) being executed by experienced Government accredited training companies.

In conclusion, we believe that the Job Network has allowed a culture to exist in which some Job Network Providers have displayed a flagrant disregard of the greater needs of the community.

We would be delighted to assist the commission further in it's endeavours to create a fair and balanced relationship for all stakeholders.

Yours truly

#### Reference

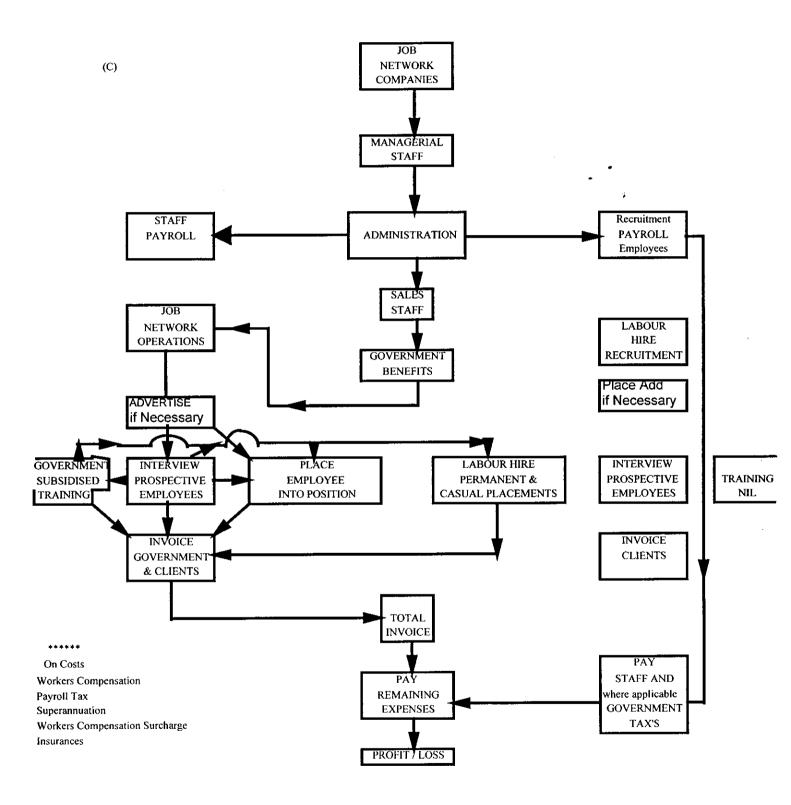
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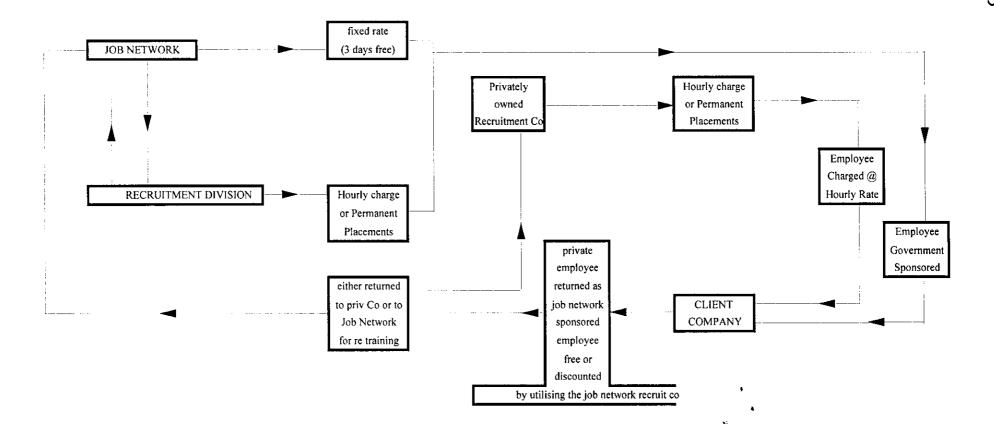
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PLACEMENT CLIENT CHARGES

JOB NETWORK			RECRUITMENT COMPANY	
ALLOWANCE FOR CHARGE TO CLIENT		ALLOW	ALLOWANCE FOR CHARGE TO CLIENT	
WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYROLL TAX SUPERANNUATION INSURANCES	NIL NIL NIL NIL	YES YES YES YES	WORKERS COMPENSATION PAYROLL TAX SUPERANNUATION INSURANCES	
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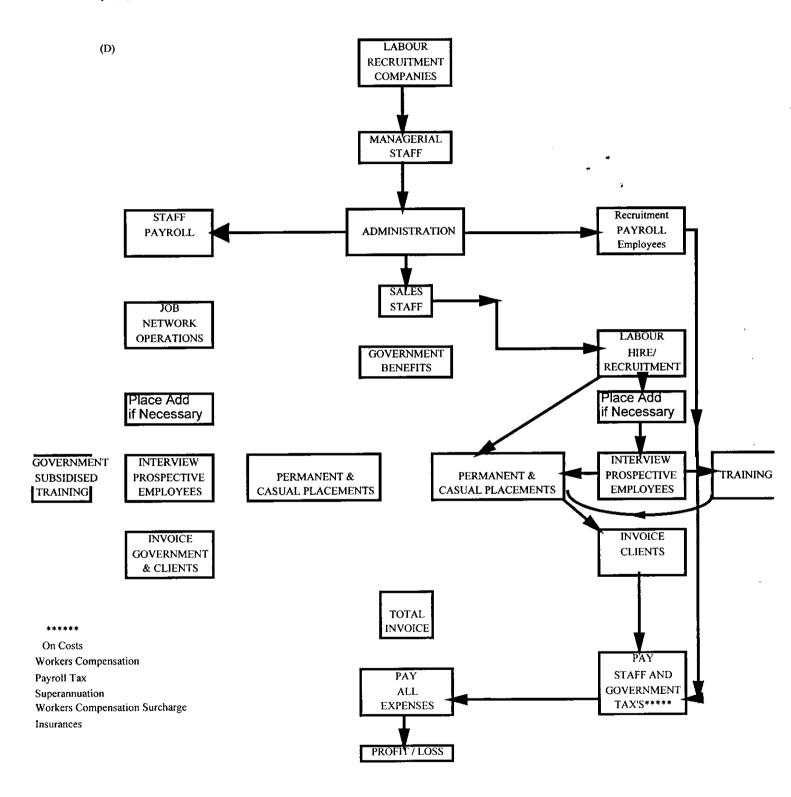




(B) JOB NETWORK INVOLVED IN RECRUITING RECRUITMENT DIVISION JOB NETWORK Supposedly Requirement for placement Requirement for Placement RECRUITING Nil JOB NETWORK WORKERS COMPENSATIO Yes WORKERS COMPENSATION Nil **CAN OFFSET PAYROLL TAX** Nil **PAYROLL TAX** Yes **CHARGES** SUPERANNUATION Yes SUPERANNUATION Nil BY **INSURANCES** Yes **INSURANCES** Nil PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION Yes PAYROLL ADMINISTRATION Nil UTILISING RECEPTIONIST Yes Nil RECEPTIONIST SALES PERSONNEL Yes **GOVERNMENT** Nil SALES PERSONNEL Yes **SUBSIDY** MOTOR VEHICLES MOTOR VEHICLES Nil **OFFICE SUNDRIES** Yes **OFFICE SUNDRIES** Nil Yes **ADVERTISING** Nil **ADVERTISING TRAINING** No Nil **TRAINING** INVOICE GOVERNMENT' INVOICE CLIENT

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- 2. Offer commences 01/10/2001 and ends close of business on 30/11/01. All claims for Rewards must be received by 5pm on 15/03/02. Promoter's decision in relation to all matters regarding this offer is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into. Multiple claims are accepted.
- 3. Offer is only open to Australian residents who employ persons that are Mission Employment Job Ready Graduates ("Participants"). To be eligible to claim a Reward(s) under this offer, Participants must:
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- (b) Employ a current and eligible Job Ready Graduate to fill the Eligible Job vacancy. Employment must be on a full time basis or if the employment is part time, sufficient weekly hours and/or remuneration must be given to the Job Ready Graduate to remove that Graduate from being eligible to receive Government unemployment benefits;
- (c) Notify Mission Employment of the Job Ready Graduate's employment commencement date;
- (d) Pay the Job Ready Graduate the relevant award rate salary (at a minimum) for that Eligible Job; and
- (e) Retain the Job Ready Graduate in employment (in accordance with these Terms and Conditions) for a minimum period of 13 continuous weeks.
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