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Dear Mr Plunkett

**PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION – REVIEW OF SECTION 2D
OF THE *TRADE PRACTICES ACT 1974*.**

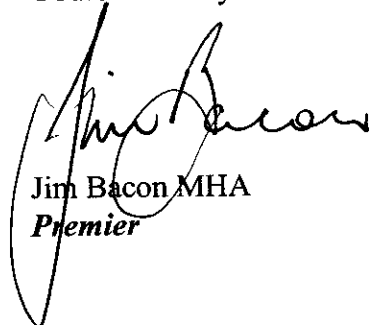
I am writing with regard to your letter dated 15 May 2002 inviting comments from the Tasmanian Government on the Draft Report for the abovementioned Inquiry.

The Report indicates that the Commission is considering recommending one of two options:

- retain Section 2D exempting the licensing activities and internal transactions of Local Government; or
- replace Section 2D with a more direct statement as to the application of Part IV to Local Government and exempting Local Government bodies other than in relation to their business activities.

While we do not intend to submit detailed comments on the Draft Report, we consider the second option to provide a viable and sensible amendment to Section 2D of the Trade Practices Act.

Yours sincerely



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Premier