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Trade Commitments Branch
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
R.G. Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent
Barton ACT 0221

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in support of Canada's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement.

The Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce (CACC) was established in 2005 and has more than 1300 members in Australia and Canada. We represent the interests of a wide range of individuals and organizations across many industries in both Australia and Canada. CACC is a not-for-profit organization whose sole focus is to increase the level of trade and investment between the two countries.

The membership and participation of both Australia and Canada in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement supports this objective. The mission of CACC is 'Building Business Connections: Bringing Canada and Australia Closer Together'. We can see the TPP becoming an important building block to grow bilateral trade between the two countries, expand access to key trading partners for both Australia and Canada plus increase the cooperative approach to business-to-business linkages and services that support trade and investment growth.

Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce supports efforts by the Australian Government to promote open markets for international trade. In this context CACC supports the pursuit of comprehensive and liberalizing trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific-Partnership Trade Agreement.

Our understanding is the Government of Canada is ready to enter TPP negotiations that are ambitious and comprehensive in coverage.

Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce supports the inclusion of Canada as a member of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Jeannie Foster

President

Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce