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DUMPING INVESTIGATION ADC 239 – PV MODULES OR PANELS BEING EXPORTED FROM CHINA

Dear Madam / Sir,

Regal Electro is an importer and wholesale distributor of stand-alone power systems of which solar panels form an integral and important part. These systems power domestic electric gates to irrigation flume gates for farmers to illuminated signage for roads. We have done this for some ten years and we import sizes from 10W to 285W for these various applications.

We have made several approaches to Tindo in the last two years and it is apparent from their website that they do not manufacture nor is it viable for them to manufacture the sizes of solar panel we currently import. The PV panels we import are also DC panels and not AC panels as Tindo appear to prefer selling.

As a company policy, we would prefer supporting an Australian manufactured product but the low volume and the variety of sizes would not justify a local production of these panels. We concede that China is in a better position to produce these for us. At the same time, the possibility of a blanket anti-dumping duty will reduce the viability of auto irrigation and safety signage which these panels support. You would also be aware of the green benefits which come from using solar panels. These benefits will be lost if solar panel costs increase to an uncomfortable level.

If protection is sought by local solar manufacturers, may I suggest that whatever duty is imposed it is done on the sizes of 200 -250W which is where the mass produced panels are located and competing.

I thank you and offer to supply any further information you require.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daries', is written over a faint circular stamp.

PHILIP DARIES
(Managing Director)

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