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Dear Sir

**AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO 2011/53**

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Cockburn Cement now holds a monopoly [CONFIDENTIAL TEXT DELETED – information which would identify person making this submission] and can charge what they like.

Chememan Australia started up in recent years and began bringing in Quicklime from Thailand as they saw a need in the monopolistic market. The Quicklime they are supplying is about 90% CaO compared to the 77%-81% from Cockburn. A far superior quality lime.

The quoted price to us from Chememan was \$[CONFIDENTIAL TEXT DELETED – price information] a ton compared to \$[CONFIDENTIAL TEXT DELETED – price information] from Cockburn. Although Chememan are more expensive the quality of the Quicklime is far superior so we would use less and hopefully make a small savings.

In regards to the above I am very surprised as to the alleged dumping investigation initiated on Chememan.

As a user of Quicklime, [CONFIDENTIAL TEXT DELETED – information which would identify person making this submission], having another company in the market, especially with better quality lime, will bring some price competition back into the present monopolistic market which has got to be better for everyone concerned, except Cockburn Cement obviously.

The cost of running mines has become extremely expensive over recent years and is only going to become worse as the new taxes come into effect in the coming months. I am continuously looking elsewhere, including overseas, for supplies to try and keep our costs to a minimum as I'm sure other mines are. From where I sit small companies like Chememan should be given every chance to operate openly in the Australian marketplace.

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We are still using Cockburn Cement ourselves at this stage but would very much like to see other players in the market, not just in Quicklime either, but in all the other reagents we use.

I sincerely hope this investigation rules against the monopolies and brings back a more level playing field for all concerned.

Yours sincerely

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