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Australian Trade Remedies Commission
Investigations 1
GPO Box 1632
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Dear Commissioner

I am writing on behalf of Arch-System Fabrication in support of the findings contained in the Statement of Essential Facts for Case 691 concerning fully and partially fabricated aluminium windows and doors from China.

Arch-System Fabrication was established in 1988 and is an Australian-owned and operated multi-award-winning family business. For almost four decades, we have manufactured and delivered aluminium fabrication and glazing solutions for the Australian construction industry. Our business has been built around quality, technical capability and the ability to manufacture solutions for increasingly complex commercial projects.

Our experience extends well beyond conventional residential windows and doors. We manufacture aluminium windows and doors, curtain wall systems, roof lights, shopfronts and associated façade products. Our manufacturing operation uses advanced computerised machinery, and our standard window systems are NATA tested and engineered to address requirements including local wind loads, energy efficiency, acoustic performance and relevant Australian Standards.

Having worked in this industry for most of my working life, I have seen the capability of Australian façade and window manufacturers develop substantially. Australian businesses have invested over many years in equipment, people, engineering, testing, systems and technical knowledge to service some of the more demanding parts of the construction market.

For that reason, I believe it is important that the Commission recognises that Australian manufacturers are not simply participants in the Class 1 residential market. Businesses such as ours have longstanding experience competing for and delivering significant commercial façade and glazing packages.

We accept that imported products are part of the Australian market and that Australian manufacturers must compete for work. We have done that throughout our history. We do not expect to be insulated from competition, nor should we be. What we do expect is the opportunity to compete on a fair basis.

Where fully fabricated aluminium windows and doors are supplied into Australia at dumped prices, the consequences extend beyond the pricing of an individual project. It affects the ability of Australian manufacturers to compete for work using the manufacturing capability, equipment, skilled people and technical systems they have built up over many years.

In a business such as ours, maintaining that capability requires a continuing pipeline of work. It supports skilled employment, apprentices and training, investment in machinery and systems, compliance and testing, as well as the specialist knowledge necessary to manufacture increasingly complex façade products in Australia.

For those reasons, we support the Commission addressing the effects of dumped imports identified through Case 691. In our view, appropriate measures do not remove competition from the Australian market. They provide Australian businesses with the opportunity to compete against imports on more equitable commercial terms.

I also want to specifically address the proposition that Australian manufacturing capability is limited when it comes to Class 2 to 9 construction and window wall applications. That does not reflect our experience.

Arch-System Fabrication has been manufacturing for the commercial construction industry for decades. We have worked on projects ranging from schools and aquatic centres through to hotels, shopping centres, car dealerships and major office developments. Our experience therefore demonstrates first-hand that the Australian industry possesses the plant, technical knowledge and practical project experience required to manufacture and supply products across Class 2 to 9 construction.

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What I believe is important for the Commission is what this evidence demonstrates. These are not theoretical capabilities or products that Australian manufacturers might be able to manufacture in the future. They represent work that Australian businesses are already equipped and experienced to undertake.

Australian manufacturers have invested over decades to develop that capability. In our view, it is important that the market remains one in which efficient Australian manufacturers have a genuine opportunity to compete for this work on fair terms.

We therefore support the findings of the Statement of Essential Facts and the application of appropriate anti-dumping measures arising from the investigation.

Yours sincerely



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