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Re: Investigation No. 691 - Aluminium Windows and Doors from China.

Dear Director,

Support for Statement of Essential Facts No. 691

I am writing on behalf of Designer Windows, an Australian manufacturer / Fabricator of Aluminium windows and doors operating in the State of Victoria.

We support the findings in Statement of Essential Facts No. 691 and the ongoing efforts of the Australian Glass and Window Association (AGWA) and the Australian Industry applicants to achieve a fair and level playing field for Australian manufacturers.

In particular, we support the Commissioner's preliminary findings that Aluminium Windows and Doors exported from China were dumped, that the Australian industry has suffered material injury as a result of dumped and subsidised imports, and that dumping and subsidisation may continue.

As an Australian fabricator, we believe Australian manufacturers are capable of supplying aluminium windows and doors across a broad range of residential and commercial applications. We support the finding that the Australian industry is not confined to Class 1 buildings and supplies products across Class 1 to Class 9 buildings

Our experience is that Australian manufacturers are prepared to compete on quality, service, compliance, capability and price. However, that competition needs to occur on fair terms.

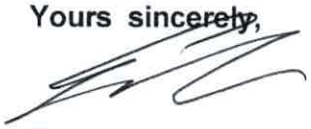
In our own business, competition from Chinese Imports (Windows, Doors and Glass) has affected us greatly, mainly through lost project's due to pressure to reduce prices, lower production volumes and lower profit margins.

We therefore support the imposition of effective measures that address the injurious effects of dumping and subsidisation and allow Australian manufacturers to compete on a fair and sustainable basis.

We also support AGWA continuing to represent the interests of Australian Fabricators through the remainder of this investigation and in responding to the matters arising from the SEF.

This investigation is important to our business and to the future competitiveness of Australian window and door manufacturing. We encourage the Commission to ensure that the final measures provide a meaningful and durable playing field for Australian industry.

Yours sincerely,



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Director: Designer Windows: