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GEELONG COMMERCIAL WINDOWS

Australian Trade Remedies Commission
Investigations 1
GPO Box 1632
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Re: Investigation No. 691 – Aluminium Windows and Doors from China

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing on behalf of my Company Geelong Commercial Windows Pty Ltd as an Australian manufacturer and fabricator of aluminium windows and doors operating in Victoria, and my **support for Statement of Essential Facts No. 691.**

I 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, I support the Commissioner's preliminary findings that aluminium windows and doors exported from China were dumped, that the Australian industry has suffered severe material injury, and continues to decline as a result of dumped and subsidised imports, and that dumping and subsidisation may continue.

As an Australian fabricator, I believe Australian manufacturers are capable of supplying aluminium windows and doors across a broad range of residential and commercial applications to cover the requirements of all facets. 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.

My 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 my own business, competition from imported aluminium windows and doors from China has affected us through lost projects, extreme pressure to reduce prices or commit to reduced margins, lower production volumes, reduced capability to employ staff and impacts on my investment and livelihood.

I 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.

I 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 need the Commission to ensure that the final measures provide a meaningful and durable level playing field for Australian industry to save Australian jobs.

Yours sincerely,

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