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Submission No 17

Dear Ms Price

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF COMMONWEALTH WORKCHOICES LEGISLATION

On behalf of the members of the Standing Committee on Social Issues, thank you for making a submission to the Inquiry into the impact of Commonwealth WorkChoices legislation. It is vital to the inquiry process that the Committee considers a range of perspectives on this matter, so we greatly appreciate the time you have taken to ensure that we are well informed.

I would like to provide you with information about some of the procedures that Parliament has adopted for your protection as a participant in this inquiry, and also about the inquiry process from here.

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Inquiry process

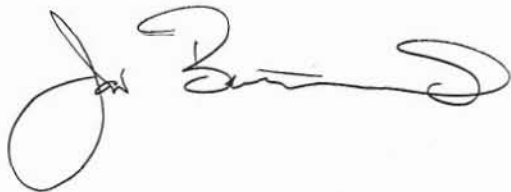
The Committee will consider all the submissions it receives and will usually hold public hearings. A report will be tabled by 23 November 2006, a copy of which will be sent to you. The Government is required to respond to the recommendations in the Committee's report within six months. A copy of this response will also be sent to you.

Please note the report is due to be tabled by 23 November 2006.

If you have any questions about the Inquiry, please telephone the secretariat on 02 9230 3078. Further information about the Inquiry can be found on the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialissues

Once again, we appreciate your taking the time to bring the issues raised in the submission to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Burnswoods', written in a cursive style.

Jan Burnswoods MLC
Committee Chair