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Mr Thomas Abe  
Commissioner ICC  
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Dear Commissioner,

**Tinned Fish & Tinned Meat Pricing Review Draft Report**

In the original Submission made by Hugo Canning Co. Ltd., we were of the strong opinion that based on the number of products available in the market and the spread of retail shelf prices that there was a high level of competition in the market place.

The Commissions Draft Report confirms our view and the Commission did include in the report a graph on price points prepared by this company for a variety of tinned products which the Commission says is 'essentially confirmed by NSA data'.

It is our view that Price Regulation can actually lead to anti-competitive behaviour by industry members. It can inhibit innovation in either new products or work practices that reward both the company and the consumer - in the past any such benefits have been absorbed by price regulation approvals thus leading to a lack of industry stimulation.

As stated in our original submission, given the now accepted level of competition in the market place, Hugo Canning sees no need for any level of price control to be continued. The Commission sets out the pertinent facts in its Draft Findings under 3.5 and we entirely concur with the Commissions Draft Determination 1.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Burke', is written over a wavy line.

S. Burke  
General Manager