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Mr. Thomas Abe
The Commissioner & CEO
Independent Consumer and Competition Commission
P.O. Box 6394, Boroko
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Dear Mr. Abe,

RE: ISSUES PAPER OF TINNED FISH AND TINNED MEAT PRICING REVIEW

The Papua New Guinea Chamber of Commerce and Industry notes the release of the issues paper on "Tinned Fish and Tinned Meat Pricing Review". Some of our members will be replying directly with their views.

Feedback from our members indicates that the current pricing setting mechanism devised back in the early 1990s is not necessarily appropriate any longer in 2006. There has been a healthy increase in manufacturing and competition in many sectors along the manufacturing and distribution chain in Papua New Guinea not present previously. With changing times artificial restrictions to the pricing mechanism would be more harmful to healthy competition than good.

The price of fuel has been on the constant rise thus resulting as well in the unpredictable rise in cost of production, as fuel cost is a major cost component in fishing and in manufacturing.

It would be very impractical to regulate the items and be subjected to price control.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Mayberry
PNGCCI President