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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Inquiry into the *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014***


The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) refers to correspondence received on 14 February 2014 and welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Parliamentary Finance and Administration Committee on the Inquiry into the *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014* (the Bill).

Ai Group is a peak industry association in Australia which, along with its affiliates, represents the interests of more than 60,000 businesses in an expanding range of sectors including manufacturing, engineering, construction, automotive, food, transport, Information technology, telecommunications, call centres, labour hire, printing, defence, mining equipment and supplies, airlines and other industries. The businesses which we represent employ more than 1 million employees.

Whilst Ai Group does not oppose any of the individual changes contemplated by the Bill, Ai Group is concerned that the changes represent a move away from harmonised legislation at the Federal level. This is an issue of significant concern for Ai Group and its members, particularly those companies that operate across State borders.

Ai Group would also like to note the challenges associated with consulting members and preparing a submission in the very constrained timeframe provided for input to the review. Unfortunately this has precluded the provision of more detailed input in this instance. Despite this, we very much appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the review.

Yours faithfully,



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Director (Queensland)