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The Hon Warren Truss MP Minister for Transport and Regional Services House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

Please find attached for your information a copy of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) Draft Report into an alleged breach of Part X section 10.41 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act) by the Australia to Europe Liner Association. This matter was brought to your attention in my letter of 28 October 2005.

The Draft Report sets out the ACCC's draft view that grounds exist for the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to be satisfied that section 10.45(1)(a)(ii) of the Act applies and invites comments from interested parties. The ACCC will provide you with a final report in early 2006.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Margaret Arblaster, General Manager of the Transport and Prices Oversight Branch, on (03) 9290 1862.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Samuel

Chairman

