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Treasury Portfolio Ministers  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: The Harper Review – Section 46

Australia requires INNOVATION but there is the lack of Australian incentive to innovate due to Australia's NON-EFFECTIVE competition laws. Innovators are generally small in nature and cannot sell their new innovations due to the anti-competitive market power of the big guys. The EFFECTS TEST is very necessary for INNOVATION.

Australia must innovate to prosper. As a small/medium size and only Australian manufacturer of numerous portable powered lawn and garden products **we recently designed and manufactured new INNOVATIVE and INTERNATIONAL GOLD MEDALS WINNING PRODUCTS that have no equal in the world** but we are restricted in the Australian market by the overseas owned multinationals (who import all their inferior products) and use their market power to "persuade" their dealers not to sell our new products.

We AUSTRALIAN INNOVATORS now cannot make a foothold in our domestic market to achieve any economies of scale for our new innovative products and to expand into exports.

We have the world's quietest most powerful air blast Leaf Blowers (2 models), and Engine Drills with automatic reverse gear (5 models) – the only ever International Gold Medal winners for leaf blowers and engine drills.

**The EFFECTS TEST for an effective anti-competition law is very necessary for innovation and Australia to prosper.**

Yours sincerely,



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