

08 April 2011

Mr Glen Hepburn  
Assistant Director  
Regulatory Framework Inquiry  
Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission  
GPO Box 4379  
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Dear Mr Hepburn,

## **RE: INQUIRY INTO VICTORIA' REGULATORY FRAMEWORK - PART 1**

In the submission made by the CMPA to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, we pleaded for *balanced regulation*. Balance in the quest of increasing social and environmental needs with the need of industry to be able to confidently risk its capital and ingenuity in the pursuit of profit-making ventures in a fiercely competitive environment.

We are unconvinced that Part 1 of the inquiry will result in a reduction of the regulatory burden on our Members' businesses, however we understand that this document primarily deals with the bureaucratic aspects of the state's regulatory framework.

To see the change the CMPA desires would require a change in emphasis and culture within the Government departments involved.

That said; we see merit in strengthening the Commission. An extension of this role in the CMPA's view would be to evaluate the effectiveness of new legislation shortly (one to two years) after its implementation to ensure its original intentions were being met without unintended consequences.

We look forward to the final recommendations of this inquiry, and would of course be willing to discuss either this or our earlier submission with you or your staff at your convenience.

Yours sincerely



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