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Sent: Monday, 17 November 2014 6:11 PM
To: Holly, David
Cc: CHCH.EG Negotiations
Subject: Re: Environmental Goods Agreement: Update on the negotiations
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Thanks David,

Appreciate your response. I would be very happy for my email to be treated as a submission.

My viewpoint is that there is no level economic playing field unless environmental (and social) aspects are properly accounted for.

Through product labelling and life cycle assessment the true costs associated with production can be better communicated and the consumer better positioned to make a decision on purchase.

Our free trade initiatives have led to Australians being able to buy goods at a cheaper price but often leading to pollution and practices unacceptable by our standards in other countries. We should not allow goods into Australia for Australians to buy unless we can be assured that these goods meet minimum environmental and social criteria. We should also provide specifications on the goods we export.

Surely, environment related goods can lead the way in ensuring that trade leads to triple bottom line outcomes (economic, social and environmental) rather than the narrow economic criteria that is currently in place.

Regards

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Thanks David,

Appreciate the email. However, without some aspect of life cycle analysis and product labelling I would suggest this initiative is hollow and potentially misleading. I would be more than happy to provide advice and support to the Government in pursuing trade that leads to better environmental and social outcomes. I fear your initiative is unlikely to have any positive benefit in these areas.

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