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Re: Exposure Draft of the Export Control Bill 2017

We thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion and to attend a briefing session regarding this draft Bill. In assessing the response of the alpaca industry, we circulated the exposure draft and associated documents to our membership and also consulted with several camelid exporters.

As we are responding as an industry body, rather than an individual business involved directly in agricultural export, we have found it difficult to answer the specific questions listed in the Regulation Impact Statement, and so our comment is necessarily of a very general nature.

We agree that the consolidation and streamlining of existing legislation into one Act will allow exporters to work more easily with their trading partners, and to adapt to any changes that arise within a reasonable time frame. However, the draft Bill paints only the big picture and we do consider that it is essential that interested parties have the opportunity to again express an opinion regarding the Export Control Rules, once drafted, as these will provide the detail in relation to operational and technical requirements.

It would therefore be appreciated if the Australian Alpaca Association could be included in any discussions, once drafting of the Rules has been undertaken, so that we have the ability to again communicate with our members

Many thanks
Kind regards

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