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Commerce Act Review
Ministry of Economic Development
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To whom it may concern,

The Marine Industry Association of New Zealand including NZ Marine (NZ Marine Export Group) represents over 490 member companies – including boat builders, boat brokers, exporters, importers, retailers, marina operators, charter boat operators, equipment manufacturers, sparmarkers, marine surveyors, naval architects, marine engineers, painters and other marine related service companies. These companies make up the majority of the marine industry's businesses in New Zealand.

Thank you for inviting our submission on the Review of Authorisation and Clearance Provisions of the Commerce Act. It appears to us that this review is to allow a group of smaller companies for example within a sector such as the marine industry to work together on a collaborative basis to gain buying group power and set minimum bench mark performance for quality standards etc without breaking NZ Laws. In principle we support a move in this direction but request that the rules and compliance costs in allowing this activity be kept to an absolute minimum or no cost at all.

The recently introduced Australian procedures to assist in this regard appear to us to be to complicated to be used by small to medium sized businesses in NZ.

We look forward to your further advice on the Governments progress on this issue.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Busfield".

Peter Busfield
Executive Director

CC: Ian Cook, MIA President

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