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To the China Free Trade Task Force

Re: Australia – China Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

As the 2005 *Joint Feasibility Study* recommends, the objective of a possible Australia-China FTA should be to accelerate sustainable economic growth, create jobs and raise living standards by, amongst other things, “providing a framework for closer economic cooperation and addressing trade problems and barriers, including through commitments on transparency”.

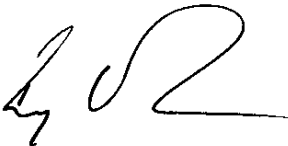
Developing such a framework can present significant probity challenges. The governance of the process will play a significant role in determining the success of negotiations and the eventual implementation of agreements on both sides.

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- Maintaining confidentiality.
- Managing Conflict of Interests.
- Promoting a transparent process.
- Promoting accountability.
- Enhancing value for money/returns to participants.

Please feel free to call me on (02) 9322 7191 if Deloitte may help the Department achieve its FTA objectives.

Yours sincerely,



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