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*Knitting & Making of the Finest Woollen Underwear.
Coat Makers. General Clothing Manufacturers.*

**TCF Review Secretariat,
Dept of Innovation, Industry, Science, & Research.
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Re: Review of the Textile Clothing & Footwear Industries.

Dear Sir,

**I am writing this submission as a person who has owned 20 factories in Melbourne since 1970 plus employed about 1000 people.
I continue to operate Australian Knitting Mills in a small manner.**

The SIP program has been "fleeced" by big Companies like Pacific Brands who import 95% of there product.

Other companies have got the money & gone broke, or got the money under false pretences. (I know a lot of them >)

e.g. Like at Ararat where when the \$900000 ran out of grant, they packed everything in a container & moved it overseaes.

or Burlon Hosiery they got the grant & moved the machines overseas.

Or others who built buildings then sold them for big profits.

WHAT A JOKE!

The SIP program favoured BIG COMPANIES, & consultants.

Small manufacturers & innovative small clothing & textile makers did not have a chance.

You need to - Give incentives to Decentralisation, which would create work in country areas.

**The head honchos (sitting behind desks have just published a glossy paper on FIBRES - its Australias future, BUT we process no WOOL or COTTO N here anymore.)
We have lost control.**

You need to ensure that we process our RAW Fibre in Australia.

(I placed an order for tonnage in Korea, The wool went there, but we never got it back. In 2007.)

The small business needs support. With SIP it was difficult to have all the financials up to date. Give small innovative businesses a hand.

**Incorporating
Australian Traders. Australian Woollen mills. Pacemaker Sportswear.**

(In 38 years we have received NOT 1 cent from the Government , but we make innovative product.)

ABOVE ALL _ WE NEED TARIFFS BACK ON .

(In 1970 ,I employed 30 , 15 year old girls from slum areas . They got a start in life .

The worst is yet to come for Australia , we have lost control of the raw products produced in this once great Country .

Yours Faithfully,


Robert Parker . Director

P.S. ENSURE ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES BUY AUSTRALIAN MADE

CHECK LABELLING + PLACE OF MAKING.

90% OF SOCKS LABELED WOOL HAVE VERY LITTLE WOOL IN THEM

WHO CHECKS CONTAINERS WITH THE TEXTILES LABELLING ?