Dear Professor Harper,

Re: Australian FairPay Commission 2008 Minimum Wage Review

I refer to the Australian FairPay Commission’s (AFPC) 2008 Minimum Wage Review Process. The Tasmanian Government endorses in full the submission lodged by the Victorian Government.

In particular, the Tasmanian Government strongly supports the Victorian Government’s view that the AFPC should provide a fair and reasonable increase to low wage earners by increasing the Federal Minimum Wage and all Pay and Classification Scales. A sustainable increase is required to balance the needs of low paid and minimum wage dependant workers with that of the broader economic environment.

As argued by the Victorian Government and demonstrated by previous joint Labor Government submissions, these workers can clearly be categorised as vulnerable and because of their poor bargaining position will receive no other wage increase outside an annual minimum wage adjustment.

Yours sincerely,

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