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Dear Panel

I am a legal practitioner.

My submission goes to form, not content.

The section numbering system adopted in the main body of the *Competition and Consumer Act* 2010 (the **Act**), particularly the alphanumeric numbering of the cartel conduct provisions, is difficult to follow and even more difficult to explain to a client.

That must by itself weaken the regulatory impact of the Act.

Perhaps the restrictive trade practice sections in the main body of the Act could be removed to a schedule to form a more easily read, coherent body of law in this area as was largely done for the consumer protection provisions on the introduction of the *Australian Consumer Law* [although I appreciate that was largely done for other reasons]; and perhaps called the *Australian Competition Law* or similar.

Yours sincerely

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