

Reference number CR1320

**Contact name**

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

Yes

**Organisation name**

Toys and Things

**Type of organisation**

Business

**Business size**

Small

**Industry**

Retail Trade

**Is your submission confidential?**

No

**Submission type**

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We have some serious issues and problems in Australia that need addressing. Particularly with the ever increasing internet sales with overseas sellers selling at cheaper lower prices with subsidised freight lower costs lower taxes or none and selling inferior untested uncertified unsafe products direct to customers doors in Australia. A lot of these products us retailers in Australia are not allowed to sell and not even stock for sale due to not having Australian safety standards or Australia certification. Applying 10% gst to the incoming goods would do little to stem the tide of incoming parcel post, however using customs to check each and every parcel for certification would slow it down and turn products back to sender. This would encourage local customers to shop locally and increase local sales increase local employment increase local taxes increasing local business. Apart from also limiting untrackable money payments to overseas for unknown uses it would also prevent unsafe products being delivered to peoples door. It would boost taxes paid in Australia and boost economic activity and employment in general in Australia. Now, right now more then ever we have the chance to implement this. Both for safety with dodgy electrical devices arriving and now also for our security to stop money going off to unwanted organisations.