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Dear Mr Black

Thank you for taking the time to provide to the Government your ideas about cutting red tape in relation to the Innovation Patent System. The Government has a multifaceted approach to deregulation, and welcomes all ideas to reduce red tape. Your submission has been forwarded to the Industry portfolio so that your views can be considered.

In your submission you refer to the red tape cutting options recommended in the Advisory Council on Intellectual Property's (ACIP's) Final Report on the Review of the Innovation Patent System, released on 16 June 2014. You also suggest the Government could consider if the Innovation Patent System remains relevant, and whether or not it could be abolished. The Government is presently considering its response to that Report.

IP Australia, the Australian Government agency that administers intellectual property (IP) rights and legislation, is currently reviewing its regulations to find areas where they can cut red tape without compromising the integrity of the IP system. If you would like to provide IP Australia with further information about your ideas, or other suggestions for cutting red tape, you can contact Jackie Carroll by email at jacqueline.carroll@ipaaustralia.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6283 2152.

More broadly, in 2014 the Government has announced more than 400 measures to reduce red tape, including amendments to intellectual property laws, saving over \$2.1 billion in regulatory costs. Through its biannual parliamentary repeal days, it has already repealed over 10,000 legislative instruments and 1800 Acts of Parliament.

I hope you find this information useful, and thank you again for giving your views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'L Laker'.

Linda Laker
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Office of Deregulation
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