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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my concern with the possibility that the Innovative Patent system may be abolished.

As an Australian manufacturer who is focused on innovation, we continue to struggle against cheaper imports. We manufacture here in Dandenong, and work predominantly in the Architectural and Construction space. As we design new systems to capture our products, it can be difficult to prove enough inventiveness for a full patent, but the innovative patent has given us some level of protection against builders and competitors who would seek to mimic our new designs and ideas with substitute product manufactured in China.

With increasing competition from overseas, creative innovation is the only thing that can protect Australian manufacturers; we simply can't compete on labour costs. Removing the Innovative patent system further diminishes our opportunities.

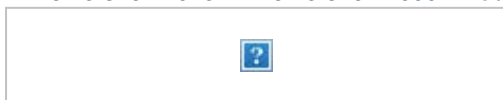
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