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Australian Paper urges Anti-Dumping Commission to stand firm

One of the Latrobe Valley's largest employers is urging the Anti-Dumping Commission (ADC) and Australian Government to hold firm following recent comments from a senior Indonesian trade official calling for unfettered trade in Australia for Indonesian paper products.

"The ADC's investigation into copy paper from Indonesia, China, Thailand and Brazil has been a long and exhaustive exercise. Australian Paper has been satisfied with the process to date which has provisionally found that Indonesian, Chinese, Thai and Brazilian exporters of A4 copy paper have been selling dumped and/or subsidised paper into the Australian market.

The confirmation of the ADC's findings will be an opportunity to restore fairness to the local copy paper market so that Australian Paper is secure to invest in the future of Latrobe Valley manufacturing. Any country which has been selling dumped and/or subsidised copy paper into the Australian market has been putting local jobs at risk," said Peter Williams, Chief Operating Officer of Australian Paper.

"A stable trading environment is vital for the future of paper manufacturing in Australia. The World Trade Organisation and free trade agreements allow action to be taken when goods from another country are found to be exported at dumped or subsidised prices, and Australian Paper has been cooperating fully with the ADC throughout its investigation into imports of copy paper from these countries.

Australian Paper is continuing to compete fiercely in our domestic market and we require a level playing field. Free trade must also be fair trade, and we encourage the Australian Government to remain strong in supporting the ADC's efforts to restore fairness to the Australian copy paper market and ensuring copy paper imports comply with internationally recognised trade rules." Mr Williams added.

The Commissioner of the ADC is expected to provide his final report and recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary on March 10.

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