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To whom it may concern,

I am attempting to establish a small business in the Manufacture and sale of soap. I am a Sole Trader and in 1 yr. I estimate I would use less than \$1000- worth of Sodium Hydroxide at \$17-00 Retail for 2 Kg.

I submit that the present Tier Structure payment schedule concerning the use of Sodium Hydroxide is excessively unfair to small Businesses such as mine, particularly as larger Businesses that use up to \$500,000 worth of Sodium Hydroxide in a year pay the same fee as I do. They are also in a position to buy Sodium Hydroxide at a lower price than I am which means they are able to use more Kg. of the product while still remaining on Tier 1.

There is a push by Government, and a need for, the "young-old" eg. Baby boomers, to keep working + producing so as to benefit the Australian Economy. I am one of these. There is also a need for all Aussies "to have a go" for the sake of our Country as well as themselves.

Unrealistic fee structures stifle small businesses and work against the Economy of our Country.

I call on the Review Committee to not only consider these facts but to ACT on behalf of Small businesses as Australians get in and "have a go!"

On the issue of Cost Recovery for assessment, Sodium Hydroxide is not a new chemical. It's structure and

reactive nature have been known for many many years,  
so the cost of assessment would be between minimal  
and no cost. Any costs would be those of Record-keeping.  
Therefore I submit that fees for chemicals such as this  
reflect the minimal or no cost for assessment of them.

I look forward to seeing ACTION by NICNAS, for the sake  
of all Australians.

Yours Sincerely,

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