



## **Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham**

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate  
Senator for South Australia

March 26, 2019

Mr Edward Yau  
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development  
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Dear Secretary,

In connection with the signing of the *Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Hong Kong, China* (the Agreement) and discussions in relation to Hong Kong, China's Schedule to Annex II to the Agreement, I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of Australia (Australia) and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong, China):

Noting the vital role that legal services play in facilitating trade and investment, as well as regional and global trade and investment flows, Australia and Hong Kong, China shall meet within one year of the date of entry into force of the Agreement with the intention of supplementing commitments made by Hong Kong, China in II-HKC-8 on Legal Services with additional substantive commitments on Mode 3 (the supply of a service by a service supplier of a Party, through commercial presence in the Area of the other Party).

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming the above constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

**Simon Birmingham**

March 26, 2019

The Honourable Mr Simon Birmingham  
Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment  
Australia

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 26, 2019, which reads as follows:

*“In connection with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Hong Kong, China (the Agreement) and discussions in relation to Hong Kong, China’s Schedule to Annex II to the Agreement, I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of Australia (Australia) and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (Hong Kong, China):*

*Noting the vital role that legal services play in facilitating trade and investment, as well as regional and global trade and investment flows, Australia and Hong Kong, China shall meet within one year of the date of entry into force of the Agreement with the intention of supplementing commitments made by Hong Kong, China in II-HKC-8 on Legal Services with additional substantive commitments on Mode 3 (the supply of a service by a service supplier of a Party, through commercial presence in the Area of the other Party).*

*I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming the above constitute an integral part of the Agreement.”*

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the agreement reached between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of Australia and that your letter and this letter in reply constitute an integral part of the *Free Trade Agreement between Hong Kong, China and Australia*.

Yours sincerely,

( Edward Yau )  
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
The People's Republic of China