

March 26, 2019

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

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing of the *Free Trade Agreement between Hong Kong, China and Australia* (the Agreement), and further to Article 1.3 (General Definitions) of Chapter 1 (Initial Provisions, General Definitions and Interpretations) of the Agreement, I have the honour to confirm 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 that the Agreement shall apply to areas where the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China apply, and the provisions of the Agreement shall be interpreted and applied accordingly.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Edward Yau)
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
The People's Republic of China



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,

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 Hong Kong, China and Australia (the Agreement), and further to Article 1.3 (General Definitions) of Chapter 1 (Initial Provisions, General Definitions and Interpretations) of the Agreement, I have the honour to confirm 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 that the Agreement shall apply to areas where the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China apply, and the provisions of the Agreement shall be interpreted and applied accordingly.

I have the further 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 Australia and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and that your letter and this letter in reply constitute an integral part of the *Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Hong Kong, China*.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Birmingham