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Mr Cameron Martin
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
PO Box 1199
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Dear Mr Martin

**Re: Retirees WA (Inc) application for revocation of authorisation A70012
and its substitution by authorisation A91015.**

This Association acknowledges the application by Retirees WA (Inc) (RWA) for a continuation of an agreement between itself and the WA Funeral Directors Association, for the supply of a reduced cost funeral to RWA Funeral Fund members.

The Association endorses and consents to the application for interim authorisation for the period from the expiry of the current authorisation until the determination of the ACCC of the current application. This is important as the current agreement with the WAFDA expires on the 23rd October 2006 or, provided the authorisation (or interim authorisation) from ACCC is obtained, the 28th February 2007

The Association also endorses and consents to the application by RWA for ACCC authorisation for the period of 5 years from 24th October 2006. This will enable RWA to enter into future Funeral Agreements with the WA Funeral Directors Association. These are entered into on an annual basis with RWA. The next agreement will be for the period from and including 1st March 2007 up to and including 29th February 2008.

This Association recognises that a fixed maximum price agreement with charges being negotiated annually in advance provides benefits to members of RWA's Funeral Fund, without interfering with the right of those arranging funerals for deceased Funeral Fund members to choose and negotiate price and arrangements with any contractor of their choice.

Yours sincerely

J G (Jim) Gatt
Secretary

