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The General Manager
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Dear Mr Jones


I am writing to you about the Community Care Underwriting Agency application for revocation and substitution A90997 and A90998 – interested party consultation.

Improving access to, and affordability of, public liability insurance is an important issue for the Australia Council as well as every arts organisation and artist in Australia.

The Australia Council believes that the public benefits from the authorisation of this co-insurance pool is significant and at this stage, support the application of Allianz Australia Insurance Limited, QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited and Insurance Australia Limited (trading as NRMA Insurance) for authorisation and interim authorisation of this joint venture agreement.

Currently, we consider that there is presently effective regulation of the Community Care Underwriting Agency joint venture agreement through the ACCC.

Yours sincerely



JENNIFER BOTT
Chief Executive Officer

