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Dear Mr Anderson

#### **Concerns re ABBTF accreditation process**

I forwarded your letter dated 3 August 2007 to the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation (ABBTF). I have attached the ABBTF's response.

The ABBTF has set out its reasons for refusing to accredit Anderson Training Services (ATS) in 2004, but has expressed a willingness to reconsider accreditation, depending on the nature and extent of ATS's current involvement in the delivery of relevant training.

I would encourage you to approach the ABBTF to seek to resolve this matter, and I note that it has indicated it will write to you seeking further information.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely

David Hatfield  
Director  
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Dear Mr Hatfield

Re: Your Ref: C2005/1911 - David Hatfield  
Anderson Training Services

Thank you for your letter of 15 August 2007.

I can confirm that the ABBTF in 2004 refused to accredit ATS. The basis for this was our understanding at the time that, rather than provide training in a formal sense, ATS's activities predominantly relied upon employers providing most of the training, with a significant part of ATS's role simply being to go to building sites to assess whether that training had been to an appropriate standard. This was not what the ABBTF contemplated as amounting to "training" when it implemented the levy/subsidy scheme, or at least did not comprise what we considered was suitable training.

However, it appears from the correspondence that you have forwarded to me that ATS may now have a greater involvement in delivery of training. If that is indeed now the case, then the ABBTF will reconsider its position. What we propose to do is to immediately write to ATS asking it to provide full details of their involvement in delivery of training, their current training package, and we would also request that it provides some employer and employee referees for recently provided training services. If the ABBTF is satisfied with the results of those enquiries, it will accredit ATS.

The ABBTF proposes to formulate and publish formal accreditation criteria against which training providers can be measured within 2 months.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 0418388774 if any further information is required.

Regards,



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