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By facsimile: 02 9230 5333

Dear Ms Oddie

**Re: authorisation A91086 submitted by the Insurance Council of Australia –
request for extension to be granted under section 90(10A)**

I refer to the submission of Ms Catherine Uhr of Legal Aid Queensland made at the pre decision conference held on 4 August 2008 in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Insurance Council of Australia.

As you are aware Ms Uhr has requested that an extension be granted under section 90(10A) of the *Trade Practices Act* to facilitate further consultation with interested parties and the Insurance Council of Australia prior to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission making its final determination in this matter.

Having considered Ms Uhr's submission the ACCC considers that an extension to facilitate further consultation with interested parties and the Insurance Council is appropriate.

The Act requires that the ACCC seek the Insurance Council's agreement before the relevant period can be extended. Accordingly the purpose of this letter is to seek the Insurance Council's agreement that the relevant period under section 90(10) of the Act be extended by two months until 19 November 2008.

To enable this issue to be dealt with expeditiously, I would appreciate receiving your response to this request by 13 August 2008.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself on 02 6243 1132 or Susan Philp on 02 6243 1347.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small dot.

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
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