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Dear Ms Curran

Third line forcing notification N96475 lodged by Chief Executive Officer (Housing)

I refer to the above third line forcing notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 14 December 2012. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

Chief Executive Officer (Housing) (**CEOH**) proposes to offer to supply, as part of a "low deposit housing loan", up to 17.5% of the value of a newly constructed dwelling to eligible borrowers on condition that those borrowers acquire the other part of that housing loan (a further 80% of the value of the dwelling) from the Territory Insurance Office (**TIO**).

Borrowers will be required to contribute at least 2.5% of the property's value and must intend to occupy the dwelling for a mandatory three-year period. The dwelling must have a value of no more than \$550,000 for a three bedroom home, and construction on the dwelling must commence after 1 January 2013. The loan product will be offered for a maximum of two years.

Legal protection conferred by the notification will commence on 28 December 2012.

On the basis of the information that you have provided it is not intended that further action be taken in this matter at this stage.

As with any notification, please note that the ACCC may act to remove the legal protection provided by the notification at a later stage if it is satisfied that the likely benefit to the public from the conduct will not outweigh the likely detriment to the public from the conduct.

This assessment has been made on the basis that CEOH and TIO will disclose all relevant terms and conditions to prospective customers.

A copy of 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 Jasmine Tan on 02 6243 1363.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr Richard Chadwick
General Manager
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