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Australian Securities & Investments Commission

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Dear Mr Sweeney,

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### **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 for access to documents**

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (**FOI Act**) received by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**) on 7 June 2017, in which you seek access to the following:

*a copy of a letter dated 30 January 2017 sent to Mr Greg Medcraft titled "Re: Consumer Protection Inquiry". The first paragraph states:*

*"Reference is made to the Consumer protection in banking, insurance and financial sector inquiry being conducted by the Senate Economics Reference Committee".*

### **Administrative release**

Section 3A(2)(b) of the FOI Act states that it is not the intention of Parliament in enacting the FOI Act to limit the power of agencies to give access to documents, whether or not access to the documents has been requested under section 15 or to prevent or discourage agencies from doing so.

As the FOI Act is not intended to restrict the circumstances in which government information can be released, it is open to an agency, after receiving an FOI request, to provide access to the documents sought in that request on an administrative basis.

I note that you are the author of the letter described in your request. In the circumstances, I have decided that it is appropriate to provide you with access to the document on an administrative basis.

A copy of the letter described in your request is attached.

As you have been provided with administrative access to the document described in your request, your FOI request dated 7 June 2017 will be regarded as withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

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