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Dear Dr Dermody

**Australian Securities and Investment Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee in relation to its inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission Amendment (Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Abolition) Bill 2014. As you would be aware, the Bill proposes to abolish the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee (**CAMAC**) and provide transition and savings arrangements reflecting the cessation of CAMAC.

AMP considers CAMAC to be an efficient and highly effective law reform body that has made a significant positive impact on Australian corporate regulation and financial markets. AMP therefore strongly supports the retention of CAMAC.

We believe that CAMAC has played a critical role in identifying and analysing key issues in Australian corporate law and financial market conduct and as a result has positively impacted the regulatory framework within which AMP and other corporates operate for the benefit of all stakeholders. Many of CAMAC's reports have addressed issues that affect AMP and its stakeholders resulting in better operating outcomes for companies, such as AMP, their stakeholders and the market generally. For example, CAMAC has produced high quality and insightful reports with recommendations to improve corporate regulation, decrease compliance costs and cut red tape in key areas of concern to AMP and its stakeholders, such as in its reports on managed investment schemes (July 2012), corporate duties below board level (April 2006), directors and officers insurance (June 2004), personal liability for corporate fault (April 2010), diversity on boards of directors (March 2009), executive remuneration (April 2011), shareholder participation (June 2000), corporate groups (May 2000), continuous disclosure (November 1996), derivatives (December 2011), market integrity (June 2009) and the social responsibility of corporations (December 2006).

Based on publicly available information we understand that the yearly operating costs of CAMAC are less than \$1 million, with only 3 staff members who are assisted by sub-committees of experts. We believe the high quality work produced by CAMAC and the significant positive impact it has had on the corporate regulatory landscape in improving regulation and decreasing the cost of doing business, entirely justify its lean operating model and costs.

We believe that CAMAC makes a significant positive contribution to the efficient operation and governance of Australian corporate entities and financial markets. It has proved effective to date in assisting with the enhancement of corporate regulation, the reduction of red tape and decreasing

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unnecessary costs for companies, shareholders and employees. With the constantly evolving nature of the corporate environment and financial markets, this work is required to continue in the future to ensure Australian companies remain internationally competitive and our financial markets remain secure and robust. CAMAC is a high quality law reform body that operates efficiently and effectively and we believe it is best placed to continue to undertake this work given its high quality track record.

We would be happy to discuss our comments with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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