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**SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO THE PRIVATE HEALTH  
INSURANCE BILL 2006, AND RELATED BILLS**

**SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION FROM AUSTRALIAN UNITY**

Dear Mr Humphery

As you will recall, at the Committee's Public hearing last Friday, the Committee Chairman invited those parties appearing to make a supplementary submission, if they wished to do so having had an opportunity to review the draft Rules, which had only been received the previous day.

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to make a supplementary submission and wish to comment on one matter relating to the Rules.

This matter relates to chronic disease management programs, and the requirement that they provide at least 2 allied health services from 2 or more disciplines. In para 6.2 of our submission, under point 1, we expressed our concern that this requirement, as set out in a Departmental circular, would unnecessarily rule out some worthwhile programs.

We now note that the draft Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules, specifically Rule 10, would appear to have resolved this point. We are now generally happy that the conditions proposed in the draft Rule provide a practicable framework for such programs. We are grateful that this has now been clarified.

We would be happy to elaborate on this or any other points if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rohan Mead", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rohan Mead  
Group Managing Director