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Attention:

Committee Secretary

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

Department of the Senate

I wish to reinforce the concerns of the Franchise Council of Australia (FCA) regarding inaccurate statements that have been made by Members of both the Federal and State Parliaments regarding conduct in the Australian franchising sector.

The Grey Army has over 100 franchisees nationally and, like most Franchisors, stands by its record in handling Franchisees fairly and treating them as partners.

The FCA has made considered submissions to the WA and SA State inquiries and these submissions need to be weighed up against some of the emotive comments made recently by parliamentarians which do not reflect the true picture of Franchising in this Country.

While disputes do occur, given the large number of Franchisees nationally, they represent a very small number of Franchisees operating across the nation.

Changes to the Franchising Code need to be considered and representative rather than reactionary and ill considered.

Yours Faithfully

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