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The Secretary  
Senate Economic Legislation Committee  
Room SG.64  
Parliament House  
**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

**Attention: Dr Sarah Bachelard**

Dear Dr Bachelard

**Inquiry into the Taxation Laws Amendment  
(Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003**

We refer to your invitation of 25 September, 2003 to make a submission on the above Bill.

In principle the Australian Industry Group has no objection to either provision being made for superannuation fund members to split their superannuation contributions with their spouse, or for this to be implemented on an annual basis. We believe this may be appropriate on equity grounds but are unsure as to the possible longer term improvement in superannuation benefits by reducing in part general inadequacy problems under current policy settings. Our concerns and proposals on this latter point were the subject of a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation inquiry into "*Superannuation and standards of living in retirement.*"

With regard to the current measure we also believe it is necessary for the Committee and Parliament to be satisfied that the consequential administrative arrangements will not impose further unnecessary costs on fund members.

Should you require any further information on the foregoing I would invite you to contact our Mr Grahame Willis, Executive Director - Finance, Administration & Superannuation.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**