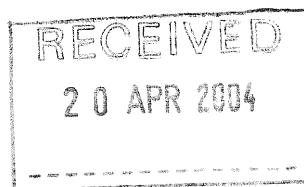


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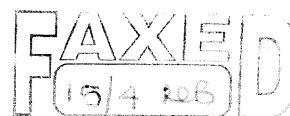
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Dear Dr Bachelard

Thank you for your letter dated 2 April 2004 enclosing a copy of the proof Hansard transcript of evidence.

As requested in your letter, I have read the transcript for accuracy. I have made some suggested corrections and a marked up copy of the relevant page of the transcript is enclosed.

I also refer to the email I received from Ms Stephanie Holden of the Committee Secretariat on 8 April 2004, which attached a supplementary submission from Professions Australia referring to the ACCC's evidence at the public hearing and a speech made by the ACCC's Chairman, Graeme Samuel.

While the ACCC generally accepts the accuracy of these references, the ACCC would disagree with any interpretation by Professions Australia, or others, that seeks to use Mr Samuel's comments as an implied endorsement of the Bill before the Parliament. The comments were phrased in a general sense, were addressed to informational issues rather than capping issues and were consistent with the basic submission put by the ACCC before the Committee.

If you require any further information, I can be contacted on 02 6243 1297.

Yours sincerely

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