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Attention: Ms Sue Morton

Dear Madam,

Re: PROOF TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

**HOBART HEARING – 15 JUNE 2001** 

I refer to your letter regarding the above.

I do not have any corrections for the proof transcript of evidence.

Pages SFS 1235 and 1236 of the transcript referred to additional material that may be required from the Australian Property Institute. This related to items raised by Mr Worrall in his evidence on pages 1075 and 1076 of the 18 May, 2001 transcript.

I have met with Mr Worrall who advises that he intends to pursue his investigations through the Valuers Registration Board. He believes that this is the appropriate action since the relevant valuer has not been a member of the Australian Property Institute since December 1995 but has maintained his status as a Registered Valuer under the jurisdiction of the Valuers Registration Board.

As a general comment the Australian Property Institute (Tas Division) recommends that as a minimum the following mortgage lending practices are implemented.

All mortgage valuations should be undertaken in accordance with the API Professional Practice Manuals 1999 and 2000 (Copies of which can be provided - if required).

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- Mortgage finance lenders should develop their own "Panel of Valuers" from which to source their property valuations.
- Mortgage finance lenders should develop a set of standing instructions for their "panel valuers" which outlines the format, criteria, standards and fees for valuations – as per The Professional Practice Manuals.
- Mortgage finance lenders should instruct the valuer not the borrower.
- Instructions to valuers should be in writing.
- Panel valuers should meet at least the following criteria:
  - be 'Certified Practising Valuer' members of the Australian Property Institute
  - provide annual evidence of their Continuing Professional Development compliance
  - provide annual evidence of their Professional Indemnity Insurance cover

The above criteria would provide a sound footing for mortgage valuations — it is the method adopted by many of the large financial institutions and it has been refined over many years.

I would be pleased to provide further detail if required.

Yours faithfully,

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