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Hon Kate Doust MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Madam Chair

### **Inquiry into Co-operatives Amendment Bill 2015**

I refer to your invitation to provide a written submission on whether the clauses of the Co-operatives Amendment Bill 2015 (the "Bill") may impact upon the sovereignty and law making powers of the Parliament of Western Australia.

### **To the best of our belief and understanding the Bill does not impact upon the sovereignty and law making powers of the Parliament of Western Australia.**

The Bill proposes amendments to the Co-operatives Act 2009 to achieve consistency with the Co-operatives National Law and to allow Western Australian co-operatives to participate in a national regulatory Scheme for the registration and regulation of co-operatives. As the state peak industry body for co-operatives in Western Australia, with a voluntary membership of 40 co-operative enterprises of the 52 registered co-operatives in WA, we have been a long-time supporter of the simplification process.

We are continuing our detailed review of the Bill, now it is in the public domain, and whilst not expecting to encounter any issues we are waiting to see the supporting Regulations, to confirm they reflect the wishes of the WA sector as advanced through the Industry Reference Group, of which Co-operatives WA was a leading member.

Yours sincerely

Chris Enright  
Chairman

### **About Co-operatives WA**

Our Vision is:

*To be viewed as a centre of excellence and an authority on co-operatives*

Our purpose is to:

- *Represent the interest of members at state and national level*
- *Promote co-operative identity by advancing the core values and principles of the co-operative business model*
- *Promote the co-operative sector's significant contribution to the economy and the community*
- *Assist in the formation and development of co-operatives based on active member participation, sustainability, and appropriate capital and legal structures*
- *Make a positive contribution to the advancement of co-operative enterprises within Australia's emerging 4th economic sector*



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