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Hon Adele Farina, MLC
Chairperson
Standing Committee on Public Administration
Legislative Council, Parliament House
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Dear Chairperson

INQUIRY INTO WORKSAFE

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2017 concerning the Standing Committee on Public Administration inquiry into WorkSafe.

WorkCover WA is the statutory authority responsible for administration of the Western Australian workers' compensation scheme. Our role includes:

- providing strategic policy advice to Government regarding workers' compensation
- regulating employers and service providers, and monitoring compliance with the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*
- educating workers, employers and others about workers' compensation and injury management
- providing an independent dispute resolution service for workers' compensation issues.

WorkCover WA and WorkSafe have a longstanding collaborative relationship in relation to injury prevention. The Director General of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety is a member of the WorkCover WA Board. The Chief Executive Officer of WorkCover WA attends meetings of the Commission for Occupational Safety and Health as an observer. WorkCover WA also supports WorkSafe through the provision of comprehensive data on work related injury and disease based on workers' compensation claims.

WorkCover WA has examined the terms of reference and does not wish to make a submission to the Inquiry. WorkCover WA does not have a role in relation to any of the matters covered by the terms of reference.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris White
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

19 July 2017