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Our reference
 Your reference

Dear Brian

Subject: Inquiry into the adequacy and future directions of social housing in Western Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the terms of reference (TOR) for the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's inquiry into the adequacy and future directions of social housing in Western Australia (letter addressed to Sam Walsh 4 August 2010). Sam has asked me to respond on his behalf.

RTIO believes that the TOR are appropriate and extensive. Our only comment would be to suggest that the Pilbara region be explicitly identified as a priority area under point 9 – *Particular housing initiatives needed for regions of rapid growth*.

Rio Tinto, both individually and through the Pilbara Industry Community Council, has provided input into several recent reports into social housing, including:

- The Department of Housing's "More Than a Roof and Four Walls" and "Housing 2020: Future Directions for Affordable Housing"; and
- The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) issue papers "Housing affordability and shortages in resource boom towns", "Housing market dynamics in resource boom towns" and "A review of the contextual issues regarding housing market dynamics in resource boom towns".

I strongly recommend utilising these excellent papers as a baseline resource for your investigations and I wish you every success with your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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