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Ref. SCA - ACCC Reponse to Inquiry 11 April 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam

ACCC NORTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE INQUIRY'S FIRST INTERIM REPORT

I am writing in respect to the ACCC North Australian Insurance Inquiry's First Interim Report.

It would appear that Recommendation 11 and Draft Recommendation 9 of the Interim Report suggest the elimination of commissions for strata managers.

I believe that the Interim Report's recommendations would have serious consequences on Strata Management Companies, like my own, which falls under the Small Business Category.

A loss of commissions would result in an increase in costs to our owners, as I currently consider commissions received when drawing up our management fees, thereby keeping our management fees on a manageable level for smaller strata schemes/owners.

Whilst I understand that the Strata Community Association (SCA), of which I am a member, are looking for the extended strata community to be given an opportunity to have any legislative changes carefully considered before any decision is made, I take this opportunity to strongly state that the removal of commissions would have serious consequences for ourselves and our owners alike.

I therefore support SCA's submission to the ACCC *North Australian Insurance Inquiry's First Interim Report* and urge you to do likewise.

Kind regards

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