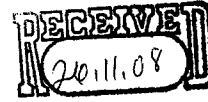


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Ms Georgina Beattie  
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Dear Ms Beattie

**REVIEW INTO LICENSING OF SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN NSW**

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2008 inviting the Insurance Council of Australia<sup>1</sup> (Insurance Council) to provide input to the review of the licensing of selected occupations.

The Insurance Council has discussed the review with the members of its Professional Indemnity (PI) Committee. The Insurance Council does not have a position on whether the occupations subject to the review should be licensed or not. It is the view of our members that the provision of PI insurance cover to any of these occupations would be based on a consideration of the actual risks involved and would not be determined by the person having a licence.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr John Anning, the Insurance Council's General Manager, Policy Regulation Directorate, on (02) 9253 5121 or [janning@insurancecouncil.com.au](mailto:janning@insurancecouncil.com.au).

Yours sincerely

  
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<sup>1</sup> The Insurance Council of Australia is the representative body of the general insurance industry in Australia. Our members represent more than 90 percent of total premium income written by private sector general insurers. Insurance Council members, both insurers and reinsurers, are a significant part of the financial services system. June 2008 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority statistics show that the private sector insurance industry generates gross premium revenue of \$31.2 billion per annum and has assets of \$91.0 billion. The industry employs approx 60,000 people and on average pays out about \$87 million in claims each working day.

Insurance Council members provide insurance products ranging from those usually purchased by individuals (such as home and contents insurance, travel insurance, motor vehicle insurance) to those purchased by small businesses and larger organisations (such as product and public liability insurance, professional indemnity insurance, commercial property, and directors and officers insurance).