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## INQUIRY INTO UNFAIR TERMS IN CONSUMER CONTRACTS

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Hon Christine Robertson MLC  
 Committee Chair  
 Standing Committee on Law and Justice  
 Legislative Council  
 Parliament House  
 Macquarie Street  
 Sydney, NSW 2000

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*Dear Ms Robertson*

**Inquiry into unfair terms in consumer contracts.**

I am responding on behalf of the Chairperson of the Law Reform Commission, the Honourable James Wood AO QC, to your letter dated 4 September 2006 relating to the inquiry into unfair terms in consumer contracts.

The Law Reform Commission has not undertaken any specific research into the issue of unfair terms in consumer contracts. However the Commission is currently finalising a report on the law relating to people who guarantee other people's debts. In this report, the Commission will be considering possible unfair terms in contracts of guarantee. We expect to complete the report in the next six to eight weeks. I will ensure that a copy is sent to you once the report is publicly released.

I also enclose a copy of Research Report 11 entitled *Darling, Please sign this form: A report on the practice of third party guarantees in NSW*. This Research Report was undertaken by the Commission in conjunction with researchers from the Law School at the University of Sydney.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any matters you wish to follow up in relation to the work that the Commission has undertaken.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hennessy'.

Peter Hennessy

*Executive Director*