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Office of the
**Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
and Minister Assisting the Premier
in Western Queensland**

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Mr Terry Fogarty
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Dear Mr Fogarty

I refer to your letter dated 11 September 2008 regarding alleged dishonest actions by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) concerning issues raised by Mr Grahame Wheeler. The Honourable Kerry Shine MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland, has asked me to reply to you on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

As you are aware, the OFT's investigation of Mr Wheeler's complaint about Writeway Research Services is complete. The OFT's handling of Mr Wheeler's complaint has been under review by the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman which recently advised both Mr Wheeler and the OFT of its overall finding that the action taken by OFT was adequate.

The Ombudsman particularly made comment that there was no evidence to support a suggestion of an inappropriate agreement between the OFT and the Department of Veterans Affairs not to proceed with the matter. Consequently, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General does not intend to re-open the issue to examine your allegation of a conspiracy between high ranking officers of both agencies and OFT's handling of the matter generally.

Your comments about the CMC's handling of a complaint into this matter are also noted. The CMC is an independent statutory body and is not subject to ministerial direction. The Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee (PCMC) has jurisdiction to monitor and review the performance of the CMC. As part of this role, the PCMC receives and considers complaints about the CMC. Should you wish to lodge a complaint about the actions of the CMC, you may write to the PCMC at Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane Qld 4000.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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