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NATIONAL REVIEW INTO MODEL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS, ISSUES PAPER

GE Capital Finance Australasia Pty Ltd ("**GE**") welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the National OHS Review Secretariat, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in response to the National Review Into Model Occupational Health And Safety Laws, Issues Paper ("Issues Paper").

GE has several businesses operating in Australia, including GE Money and GE Commercial Finance.

GE Money

GE Money is the consumer finance division of the General Electric Company, a company that has provided financial services for 70 years. GE Money is one of Australia's leading consumer finance companies, offering an extensive range of consumer finance products, including personal loans, auto loans, credit cards, mortgages, insurance and promotional retail finance. GE Money has over 3 million customers across Australia and New Zealand and its financial services are distributed through numerous sales channels, including over 12,000 retailers, 2300 accredited auto dealers, 5,500 brokers, 400 branches, a direct sales channel, and the Internet. GE Money's Australian operations commenced in 1995 and have since grown rapidly through organic growth and major acquisitions. GE Money now employs more than 4,500 people in Australia and has established its headquarters in Melbourne.

GE Commercial Finance

GE Commercial is the commercial finance business of the General Electric Company, and operates in more than 35 countries around the world. GE Commercial Finance's customers range from small and medium size enterprises up to multinational organisations. GE Commercial Finance has assets in excess of AU\$10 billion, and more than 150,000 customers across Australia and New Zealand. Its Australian operations commenced in 1991 and have since grown rapidly through organic growth and major acquisitions. GE Commercial Finance is a full service provider of financing solutions, managing credit applications, credit underwriting and funding, credit authorisation, billing, remittance, customer service and collection. With its registered office in Melbourne, GE Commercial Finance now employs more than 1,100 people in Australia.

AFC Submission

As an active member of the Australian Finance Conference (AFC), GE has reviewed and had input into the AFC submission with respect to the Issues Paper and is supportive of the views set out in that submission.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Blignault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a trailing flourish.

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