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Dear Mr Bracey,

The Ministry for Police is currently conducting a Review of the *Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents Act 2004*, provides the licensing or approval requirements for commercial agent and private inquiry agent activities in NSW.

The purpose of the Review is to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives. In particular, the Review will consider the nature of the Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents (CAPI) industry; set appropriate objectives for the *Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents Act 2004*; review the present capacity of the legislation to achieve these objectives; and identify the most effective arrangements for the provision of a long-term legislative framework for the CAPI industry in NSW.

The review aims to consider the merits of any new legislative and regulatory arrangements for these activities, and I would appreciate your comments on the following areas:

- The environment of the CAPI industry;
- The impact of any changes on the CAPI industry;
- Alternative legislative and regulatory frameworks in other jurisdictions;
- Whether the NSW Police Force should continue to be the regulator of the CAPI industry;
- The future role of the NSW Government in further improving the nature of the industry; and
- If a national model would be more beneficial to NSW.

The deadline for the submission of comments is Friday, 20 June 2008.

Comments may be provided by email to policy@bigpond.net.au, or by mail to:

CAPI Act Review
The Director General
Ministry for Police
Level 13, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000.

At the end of the consultation period, a Report will be produced recommending any legislative changes. Any resulting draft legislation will then be circulated for comment before it is finalised. It is hoped that any legislative changes required will pass through Parliament in the Spring Session.

Copies of the Act may be obtained from any NSW Government Bookshop or via the Internet at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au. A copy of the Terms of Reference is also available from the NSW Police Force website at www.police.nsw.gov.au/sir.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the *Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents Act*. If you have any further queries about this matter, please contact Fiona Lansdown on 8263 6260.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Tree', written in a cursive style.

Les Tree
Director-General
Ministry for Police