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Manager
Market Conduct Division
The Treasury
Langdon Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

By email: MCDinsolvency@treasury.gov.au

Dear Manager

Consequential amendments to regulations supporting small business insolvency reforms

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) and CPA Australia, the major accounting bodies, represent more than 300,000 professional accountants in over 100 countries, supported by more than 19 offices globally. We make this joint submission to the *Consequential amendments to regulations supporting small business insolvency reforms* consultation on behalf of our members and in the broader public interest.

We support amendments to existing legislation that will enable more Australian businesses to understand the frameworks in which they operate and which provide clarification to those practitioners who operate in that framework.

We support the amendments to the regulations prescribed in the consultation in the operation of the small business insolvency reforms.

Of note, we support the amendment of sub-regulation 20(3) of the *National Consumer Credit Protection Regulations 2010* to exempt a small business restructuring practitioner from needing an Australian credit licence. This issue was creating considerable concern amongst our members and this clarification to legislation, which allows for consistency with the treatment of other insolvency practitioners, is welcomed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Karen McWilliams of CA ANZ on (612) 8078 5451 or at karen.mcwilliams@charteredaccountantsanz.com and Kristen Beadle of CPA Australia on 0413 883 581 or at Kristen.Beadle@cpaaustralia.com.au to discuss how best to harness the knowledge held by our members.

Yours sincerely



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