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Dr John Laker
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Dear John,

Coles Myer Ltd ("CML") is a significant participant in the Australian payments system with its own consumer electronic transaction network. This network processes in excess of \$14 billion annually.

Further, CML has maintained an interest in recent years regarding reforming aspects of the payments system, including the Wallis Inquiry and the authorisation of Australian Payments Clearing Association's Consumer Electronic Clearing System. The current review of credit cards undertaken by the Reserve Bank of Australia ("RBA") following the designation of the system, is also of interest.

CML notes that the Australian Retailers Association ("ARA") has made submissions to the RBA, outlining various concerns and issues pertinent to this review.

CML strongly supports the reform activity and encourages the RBA to consider the views expressed by the ARA.

Yours sincerely,

John Schmoll
Chief Financial Officer
Coles Myer Ltd