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Dear Kym

**STRATEGIC PARTNER "INVESTIGATION" - LETTER OF COOPERATION**

The Safety Institute of Australia Inc (SIA) was formed in 1949 and is a not-for-profit, independent, apolitical, professional association with over 3,000 members nationally. The Institute believes that the distinctive advice of qualified and experienced health and safety practitioners is a prerequisite to the specification of the health and safety responsibilities of all levels of government (Federal, State, Territory or Local), employers (across all industry sectors) and community organisations. The SIA aims toward the highest possible standards of health and safety at work, on the roads, at play and at home.

The objectives of the SIA are to:

- promote health and safety awareness;
- advance the science and practice of health and safety;
- research and develop health and safety standards, procedures and practices;
- encourage the recognition of the SIA's involvement within health and safety; and
- promote professional recognition and develop ethical awareness and integrity through the SIA's involvement in industrial, domestic and commercial health and safety issues.

To assist the SIA to more effectively promote health and safety and in particular preventative health and safety and continuous improvement, the SIA wishes to establish Strategic Partners (national and international).

The initial enabling categories that have been selected to facilitate this new initiative are Research & Development; Standards; Health; Investigation; Engineering; Industry Co-ordination; Industry Sectors; Education and Training; Legal; and International.

Accordingly, the SIA wishes to consolidate the already well established relationship between the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the SIA on health and safety-related investigation, and to invite the ATSB to become the SIA's Strategic Partner "Investigation".

The SIA acknowledges that the ATSB is an operationally independent bureau within the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and