

19 February 2004

Ms. Monika Binder  
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Productivity Commission  
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Dear Ms. Binder

**RE: National Council of Self Insurers submission to the National workers  
Compensation and OHS Inquiry**

Further to the submission from the NCSI dated 28 January 2004, I have been asked, for the purpose of clarification, to define the NCSI meaning of mutual recognition.

I would refer to page 2 of the NCSI submission, under key points, where in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, it is stated:

“Mutual recognition, as envisaged by the NCSI, would allow a self insurer qualified in a particular state, to self insure in all states of operation, subject to one set of licensing and audit requirements, but also subject to the legislation applying in the state of operation.”

However, I understand that there may some confusion about the implications of the words “mutual recognition”.

The NCSI considered its position at its recent meeting on February 12, and as a result, the NCSI position should be stated as:

A choice for self insured employers operating in more than one state to:

- Access a national self-insurance scheme under a modified Comcare framework with a single licence structure, or:
- Be granted a single national licence, subject to one set of licensing and auditing requirements whilst retaining state benefits, or:

- Have coordinated licensing, in which interstate self insurance status would be recognized in streamlining additional licence approvals whilst retaining state benefits.

I trust that this clarifies our position, however please do not hesitate to contact me direct should you need further clarification, or if you wish to discuss any aspect of our submission in greater detail.

Yours Sincerely,

Darryl Turner,  
Chairman, NCSI