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The Hon. Chris Bowen, MP  
Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs  
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Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

**Re: Mercy Ministries**

I refer to the correspondence your office received from Senator Lyn Allison in March 2008, and which had been forwarded to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for consideration. In the letter, Senator Allison requested the ACCC investigate reported allegations of potentially misleading and deceptive conduct by Mercy Ministries in its dealings with vulnerable young women with mental health conditions.

I wish to inform you that we have written to Senator Allison to advise that the matter is currently being assessed by the Brisbane office of the ACCC for any implications under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. A substantive response will be provided to you and Senator Allison once the matter has been fully considered.

In the meantime, should you wish to discuss this matter directly with one of our investigations officers, please contact Ms Caroline Serrano of the Brisbane office on (07) 3835 4666.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Cassidy'.

Brian Cassidy  
Chief Executive Officer