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Parliament of Victoria  
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Dear Mr Carli

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BILL 2010 (VIC)**

The Insurance Council of Australia Limited<sup>1</sup> (Insurance Council) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Equal Opportunity Bill 2010 (the Bill) which was tabled in the Victorian Parliament on 9 March 2010.

The Insurance Council has discussed the Bill with its members and I can advise that there are no concerns that we wish to raise in connection with amendment of the existing exemption for insurance from equal opportunity provisions. In line with its earlier submissions to the review of the exceptions and exemptions in the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, the Insurance Council welcomes the moves in the Bill towards harmonisation of State and Commonwealth anti discrimination regimes.

Please contact me at [janning@insurancecouncil.com.au](mailto:janning@insurancecouncil.com.au) or (02) 9253 5121 if you require any further information or wish to discuss the matters raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> The Insurance Council of Australia is the representative body of the general insurance industry in Australia. Our members represent more than 90 percent of total premium income written by private sector general insurers. Insurance Council members, both insurers and reinsurers, are a significant part of the financial services system. March 2009 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority statistics show that the private sector insurance industry generates gross premium revenue of \$31.7 billion per annum and has total assets of \$93.8 billion. The industry employs approx 60,000 people and on average pays out about \$99.2 million in claims each working day.

Insurance Council members provide insurance products ranging from those usually purchased by individuals (such as home and contents insurance, travel insurance, motor vehicle insurance) to those purchased by small businesses and larger organisations (such as product and public liability insurance, professional indemnity insurance, commercial property, and directors and officers insurance).