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Deputy Prime Minister
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Dear Deputy Prime Minister

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you on 27 January 2009 to discuss a national response to the global financial crisis. Understanding the risks to vulnerable Australians presented by this crisis, we stand ready to assist you and the government in any way we can as you continue to respond to the rapidly changing situation.

At our meeting, we discussed a number of specific measures that might be implemented quickly in order to prevent Australians from requiring access to our services, perhaps for the first time, and measures to quickly meet the needs of those vulnerable Australians who will require assistance.

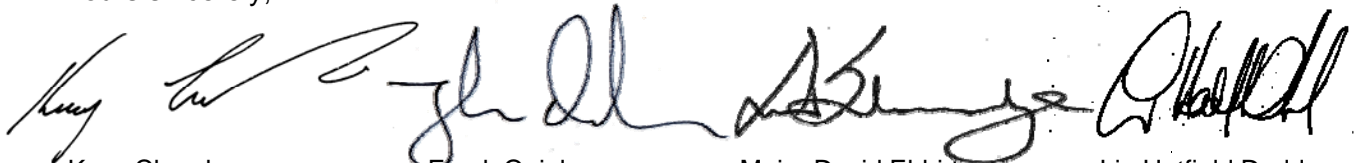
Following our meeting with you, we have collated an initial list of recommendations, many of which arise from the Summit that we held in November 2008, just as the early impacts of the crisis were being felt.

We hope that these recommendations will provide you and the government with some immediate strategies to protect vulnerable Australians. We also believe the document may assist in the development of the framework that will be required to address these concerns more systematically over time. We look forward to assisting in that process.

Over the coming week we intend to circulate and discuss these recommendations widely to government, including the Prime Minister, as this was our commitment at the Summit in November 2008.

Of course, we would be pleased to discuss any aspect of these recommendations with you or your staff at any time.

Yours sincerely,



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