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Sir

I am writing on the occasion of Your Royal Highness's 70th birthday. First of all, our best wishes for Your Royal Highness on this day of celebration.

Your Royal Highness's birthday coincides with the ten year-anniversary of the establishment of the Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) Accounting Bodies Network (ABN). Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand's predecessor organisations, The Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants were foundation members of the ABN.

We felt these two important milestones provided an opportunity to reflect on the past ten years.

Your Royal Highness's important messages at the launch of the Accounting for Sustainability Project expressed the critical role that the finance and accounting community have to play in creating a more sustainable future. The Accounting Bodies Network has provided a critical platform to support collaboration enabling the faster advancement of key projects, than would otherwise have been possible.

In 2017, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand was one of the signatories to the Accounting Bodies Statement of Support for the recommendations of the FSB Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), in collaboration with Accounting for Sustainability Project. Accounting bodies have an important role to play in ensuring transparency and appropriate disclosure around climate-related risks and opportunities, which in turn will help to maintain financial stability. By signing this Statement of Support with 12 other CEOs of accounting bodies across the globe, we have committed to working together with other accounting body CEOs and other business leaders to support all our members, representing 2.4 million accountants in 181 countries, to adopt the TCFD recommendations.

Over the past ten years, we feel there has been a significant increase in awareness and action by the finance and accounting community to creating a more sustainable future for us all. A very large part of that success is down to Your Royal Highness's personal commitment to the cause and for that we thank Your Royal Highness enormously. We hope the Accounting Bodies Network continues with this level of progress over the next ten.

Finally, once again congratulations on the occasion of Your Royal Highness's 70th birthday.

Yours sincerely

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