

**Open Follow-Up Letter to Josh Frydenberg
Victims of Financial Fraud (VOFF Inc)
3 December 2018**

Dear Hon Josh Frydenberg MP,

Victims of Financial Fraud (VOFF) use the open letter method for the sake of transparency. VOFF's open letter sent to you on 24 October 2018 identified legislative weaknesses that affect the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

On 5 November 2018 the Coalition Government boosted APRA's capabilities with \$58.7m of new funding and reappointed APRA's Chairman, Wayne Byres for another five years. Then on 16 November 2018 \$51.5m was made available to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) and the Federal Court of Australia to enable further prosecutions of criminal misconduct by banks and other financial institutions and to ensure civil claims are dealt with effectively and expeditiously.

The boost in funding addressed the same regulatory weaknesses that VOFF had highlighted in the letter, pertinent to the Treasurer's portfolio. VOFF received no reply, yet the Treasurer had time to support Prime Minister, Scott Morrison's Israel embassy policy to push for Australia to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

The newly formed Australian Financial Complaints Authority is unable to assist financial consumers who are harmed by regulatory weaknesses. Victims of regulatory failure have no legal recourse or remedy. The unique circumstances surrounding the Trio fraud caught both regulators and government agencies off-guard, the entire financial system failed. This extra funding is an opportunity for the Coalition Government to support a last resort compensation scheme. The victims deserve some form of assistance they don't have deep pockets for a civil court option.

The Coalition Government's boost in funding to the regulators is vindication to VOFF that the financial system failed consumers.

Thank you

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