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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your document consulting on the formalisation of the RDG. I am entirely supportive of every aspect of the consultation. The funding, structure and voting arrangements all appear sensible. As for the involvement of licensed and associate members, I have seen both present on my occasional visits to RDG, so I don't see a problem here.

Finally on the key question of whether RDG will drive the changes envisaged by the McNulty report, I think RDG is an absolutely essential organisation to lead the industry on dealing with these issues. For my part, I have been involved with RDG on the "Access Planning" work stream – one of the key areas identified by the McNulty report and I can say that more progress has been made on this key issue in the last few months, than had been achieved during my previous 20 years in the Industry - RDG's leadership and support have been central to this success.

With kind regards

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