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Dear Mr Anderson

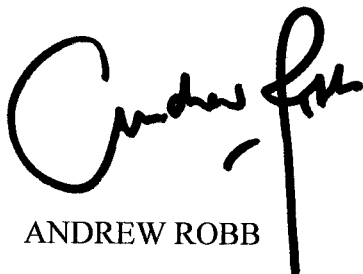
It is my pleasure to offer my endorsement for the Australian Pensioners Insurance Agency Adult Learning Ambassador of the Year Award which will be launched on 12 June 2007 and presented at the Adult Learning Australia National Conference in Cairns on Saturday 10 November 2007.

Today, more than ever, Australians need to equip themselves with the skills they need to manage their careers in the context of a changing world of work. It is never too late to train or retrain and it is important that adults, like our young people, are encouraged to explore their options and choose learning opportunities from the wide range of available pathways.

This new award highlights the importance of adults adding skills and knowledge to their repertoire throughout their working lives. It will also acknowledge the related, less quantifiable, benefits of continuing to learn throughout life – benefits such as community engagement and the enhancement of personal attributes such as self-esteem and resilience.

I commend you for taking the initiative to establish this award and wish you well in your ongoing work to raise awareness of, and engagement with, adult learning.

Yours sincerely



ANDREW ROBB