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Mr Scott Volkers

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Dear Mr Volkers

I refer to your application for a blue card which was submitted on your behalf by the Queensland Academy of Sport.

I sincerely apologise for the delay in finalising your application. It has recently come to the Commission's attention through discussions with the Queensland Academy of Sport that they are considered to be a 'government entity' as defined by the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* ('the Act').

Under the 'sport and active recreation' category of regulated employment, an exemption applies to employees (paid or volunteer) of government entities. As such, for the purpose of your employment with the Queensland Academy of Sport you are exempt from the requirement to hold a blue card.

As you may be aware, when completing a blue card application form, applicants and employers are required to sign a declaration stating that the applicant is proposing to undertake regulated employment and that no exemption applies to this employment. The Commission relies to some extent on the accuracy of information provided on application forms and for this reason, may continue to process an application or issue a blue card to a person who is in fact exempt from the requirement to hold a blue card.

However, where it is identified that an applicant potentially may not require screening as a result of an exemption, the Commission will contact the employer to verify that the exemption applies and will withdraw the application if this is the case.

As you are not required to hold a blue card for the purpose of your employment with the Queensland Academy of Sport, the Commission has withdrawn your application. A copy of this correspondence will be provided to your legal representatives for their reference.

Once again, I sincerely apologise for the delay in finalising this matter. If you have any questions in relation to the withdrawal of your application or you consider that you may require a blue card for other child-related work, I invite you to contact Ms Alexandra Waters, A/Manager of the Commission's Community Information and Reporting Team on (07) **REDACTED** **REDACTED** for further advice.

Yours sincerely



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