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Mr Kevin Gillingham  
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Dear Mr Gillingham

**Re: ARPA WA response to 2023 Act Implementation Review Consultation Paper**

On behalf of the ARPA WA, we thank you for the ability to be able to provide a formal response to the 2023 Act Implementation Review – Consultation Paper.

I confirm that the ARPA WA Executive committee has met and provided the following collective specific response:

**Item 6: Return to Work Program:**

ARPA WA has appreciated the ability to work with both WA Insurers and Workcover WA in the direct input and implementation of the explanatory guide created to assist with the utilisation of the IM1 Return to Work Program.

Further to this, as noted in the Review Consultation paper the key area of discussion has pertained to how the return to work program form accommodates staged progression of return to work. From this we acknowledge and understand the position that Workcover WA has set out with regards to the requirement of the wording.

Following consultation with ARPA WA Executive, the following changes to the wording in the explanatory guide (with regard to Staged Progression) are recommended:

*“Staged return to work progressions are allowed. Future stages must be consistent with any restrictions or capacity specified in future certificates of capacity, issued by the treating medical practitioners. A return-to-work program must be amended if a treating medical practitioner amends a certificate of capacity or modifies restrictions and/or capacity in writing”*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Workcover WA again for allowing the ability for ARPA WA to provide a response to the consultation review paper.

Should you have any questions or seek clarity in any comments, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Lange, Jo Stanes or myself.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robb Moffat', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

**Robb Moffat**  
President, ARPA WA