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Dear Margot and David

Re: NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCES
1990/1991

Thank you for your letter of 6 April, which I have now discussed in detail with the ADRA Board. It has helped us to clarify what we plan to do, as well as know what your programme will involve.

As you are probably aware, it was decided after the 1988 ADRA conference that future ADRA conferences be held bi-annually, and for this reason we have decided to proceed with our conference - which will now be held on Friday and Saturday, 5 - 6 October 1990 at the Bronte Inn in Sydney.

Like you, we are all somewhat concerned about holding two conferences too close together. However, with the growth of interest occurring around Australia at the moment in ADR, there should be room for two conferences being held approximately eight months apart.

In the event of your deciding to go ahead with your plans, the ADRA Board is prepared to become a co-sponsor, and will make the sum of \$1000 available as required. We would prefer for this amount to be transmitted by instalments, however, and ask if this is satisfactory to you. We make this offer in the spirit of our joint development of ADR Australia-wide; like you, we would like to see national consensus in the formation of a national umbrella body

incorporating the various state organisations.

We would like to hear from you further as to exactly what role your committee sees ADRA performing at the conference. For instance, is this to be a MAV conference, or a MAV/Institute of Peace Research conference with ADRA being a sponsor along with other organisations? Alternatively, is this to be a joint activity under the name of both organisations? It is better, we feel, for these issues to be clarified now, rather than have confusion arise further down the track.

We are happy for a person from NSW (one of our Board members) to be a telephone/correspondence member of the organising committee, and to be the liaison person for organising workshop presentations from NSW. However, we feel formal promotion should originate from the organising committee and the conference secretary.

Obviously we would greatly appreciate the involvement of MAV members and your committee in the October conference in Sydney. This would allow for continuing growth, as well as arousing interest from practitioners to attend both conferences.

We trust we can all work together to achieve two very successful conferences, and we wish you and your committee every success in your venture.

Yours sincerely



LINDA FISHER
PRESIDENT