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Dear Manager,

Governance Standards for the Not-for-profit Sector

The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) is the national federation for the HIV community response. AFAO's members are the AIDS Councils in each state and territory; the National Association of People Living with HIV Australia (NAPWA); the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL); the Anwernekenhe Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS Alliance (ANA); and Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association. AFAO advocates for its member organisations, promotes medical and social research into HIV and its effects, develops and formulates policy on HIV issues, and provides HIV policy advice to Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

We have had the opportunity to review the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) submission on the Governance Standards. AFAO supports the positions taken in the ACOSS submission, and endorses its proposals for assessing these and future NFP reforms.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Lake
Executive Director

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