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Secretary
Select Committee on action to prevent FASD
Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 3721
Darwin, NT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submissions into the Inquiry on action to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

The National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) welcomes the opportunity to provide advice into the Select Committee Inquiry on action to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

As the leading voice in Indigenous alcohol and other drug policy, NIDAC was established in 2004 by the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) to provide expert advice to governments on Indigenous drug and alcohol issues across Australia and the most appropriate and effective ways to address them.

NIDAC is particularly concerned with FASD and the impact it has on Indigenous Australians, families and communities.

To assist the Select Committee in its deliberations, NIDAC is forwarding a copy of its position paper on FASD. We believe that if the recommendations of this paper are implemented, many Indigenous and non Indigenous children, adults and families will be spared from the trauma of dealing with this disorder.

NIDAC actively looks forward to working with governments on this issue and trusts that you find this information useful.

Enquiries regarding the submission can be made by contacting the NIDAC Executive Officer, Ms Denise Gilchrist on 02 61669600, or emailing nidac@ancd.org.au

Yours sincerely



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