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Mr James Catchpole **Committee Secretary** Standing Committee on Health and Ageing House of Representatives PO Box 6021 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear James,

I wish to make a brief submission regarding the inquiry by the House Standing Committee on Health & Ageing into Breastfeeding.

In particular I would like to draw the Committee's attention to the role of the National Parliament as an institution that facilitates breastfeeding for those working in the Parliament including Members and Senators.

You may be aware that the House Standing Orders make no provision that might facilitate breastfeeding for Members. This has been the subject of discussion amongst the three Chief Whips and consideration by the Procedure Committee of the House of Representatives which is due to report to the House next Thursday.

I would urge the Committee to consider the most appropriate role that the National Parliament ought play in the promotion and facilitation of breastfeeding.

Yours sincerely

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