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Tony
Dear Mr Shepherd

I write to you with regard to the discontinuation of funding to the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA), of which the Department of Health will notify the Council's board on 26 November 2013.

The decision to discontinue this funding was based on the duplication of roles of peak bodies in the drug and alcohol sector.

Should the ADCA be unable to find alternative funding streams it may lead to the wind-up of operations and the Australian Government will seek to assist with outstanding liabilities.

The Australian Government will undertake a rapid review of national alcohol and drug peak bodies in coming months to inform a more cost effective and focussed approach to funding arrangements for the sector. The review will deliver its recommendations in time to inform funding options for 2014-15.

Yours sincerely

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