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Mr Jonathan Curtis The Secretary The Senate Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Curtis

The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Forum (QAIHF) is pleased to enclose a Submission to the <u>Select Committee on the Administration of Indigenous</u> <u>Affairs</u>. Please note that QAIHFs Submission does not comment on the performance or abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) but focuses on the provisions of the Amendment Bill 2004 and the new administrative arrangements.

QAIHF is the lead representative agency in Queensland for the Community Controlled Primary Health Care Services. Community Controlled Services are primary health care services which are initiated, planned and managed by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities which deliver high quality, holistic, and culturally appropriate health care. QAIHF also have partnership agreements in place with the Community Controlled Drug and Alcohol Services and the Aboriginal Child Care Agencies in Queensland to ensure that there is a united community voice to government in addressing these health and health-related issues.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr Adrian Carson, Chief Executive Officer, on telephone (07) 3393 0011.

Yours sincerely

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