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Senator James Paterson
Chair
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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cc: Senator Tim Ayres
Deputy Chair
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Dear Senator Paterson

Senator,

I am writing regarding evidence provided by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 6 March 2020.

At the hearing, a range of evidence was given in relation to grants and funding decisions. This included the tabling of a large volume of information requested by Senator Tim Ayres on 25 February 2020. Following the error we discovered in one of the tabled documents, which I corrected on the day, I have initiated a data assurance activity to assure myself of the accuracy and completeness of the information provided.

I am extremely conscious that NIAA staff were working to very tight timeframes to provide the information requested by Senator Ayres. This required considerable manual extraction of data from NIAA systems and the consideration of around 13,000 documents. We will review the data and ensure any variations are clearly articulated in our responses to questions on notice.

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I trust this information gives comfort to Committee members of the importance of this work from a NIAA perspective.

Yours sincerely

RAY GRIGGS

Chief Executive Officer

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