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Auditor-General for Australia



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Mr Julian Hill MP
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
By email: jcpaa@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Hill

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 495: *Inquiry into Commonwealth grants administration*

I am writing in relation to the two recommendations directed to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) contained in the JCPAA Report 495: *Inquiry into Commonwealth grants administration*.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office considers a future audit of the process by which the Finance Minister is informed of grant approvals against the recommendation of the awarding agency.

ANAO Response:

The ANAO will consider the inclusion of a performance audit on the process by which the Finance Minister is informed of grant approvals against the recommendation of the awarding agency in the context of any government response to recommendation 5 of Auditor-General report No. 1 of 2022–23, Award of Funding under the Building Better Regions Fund, and recommendation 3 of JCPAA Report 495 .

Recommendation 8

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office conduct another information report on Australian Government Grants Reporting in 2024.

ANAO Response:

Agreed. The ANAO will include an information report on Australian Government Grants Reporting in the ANAO's 2024–25 Annual Audit Work Program.

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Yours sincerely



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