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Senator the Hon Kate Lundy
Chair
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Dear Senator

I refer to the evidence that I provided to the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee (the Committee) at the public hearing of the Committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia on 15 October 2014, in my capacity as the Women's Chair of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA).

I would like to provide some clarification in relation to the following statement made by me in the hearing and reflected accordingly in the Hansard transcript of the proceedings:

Page 38, para 8: In response to Senator Moore's question, "Beyond the submission, were you involved in the round tables?", my answer was "No". As there was an article in the media, which was neither sought nor prompted by FECCA, and resulted in a misinterpretation of my statement, I believe that it is important for me clarify that my answer "No" should be interpreted in light of my understanding of the question as relating to the post-submission process. Therefore, my statement did not relate to a pre-submission invitation extended by the Government to participate in the roundtables.

On behalf of FECCA, I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into domestic violence in Australia and to give evidence at the public hearing. We look forward to learning about the outcomes of the inquiry and continuing our engagement with the Committee on this and other issues of relevance to culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia.

Yours sincerely

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