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TO: Alex Somlyay
Chair, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing

Just a quick submission to your committee to congratulate you on announcing your inquiry into the health benefits of breastfeeding, and to express the hope that the House of Representatives own department has itself made some advances in this area.

Some years ago my wife was breast feeding our child in the precincts of new Parliament House when she was approached by a Parliamentary security officer who asked her to desist. When she asked the officer why, he pointed to a sign on the wall which read "No food or drink beyond this point".

Good luck with your inquiry.

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