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Dear Ms Moir

**STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS FOR THE MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON DISABILITY**

As the Minister for Disability Services, I am accountable to the Parliament of Western Australia (WA) for administering the *Disability Services Act 1993*, and consequently, for the operation of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability (the Council). The Council plays a vital role in ensuring that the voices of Western Australians with lived experience are embedded in government policy and reform processes.

I am writing to you to communicate my expectations in relation to the good governance and operation of the Council. This Statement of Expectations is important to the discharge of my Ministerial responsibilities for the disability services portfolio. It should be read within the context of the functions set out in the Charter and related Acts of Parliament administered under my portfolio or otherwise applicable to the Council.

The role of the Council

I expect the Council to perform the following functions:

- a) fulfill its core function of providing high-quality, timely, and community-informed advice on issues affecting Western Australians with disability, their families, and carers;
- b) provide advice on the development and implementation of policies, services, programs, and activities that affect Western Australians with disability, their families, and carers;
- c) provide strategic leadership that emphasises improving the life quality of all Western Australians with disability, their families and carers, in line with the State Disability Strategy 2020–2030;

- d) represent the many varied lived and living experiences of the WA disability community. This involves actively building and maintaining links to community stakeholders and considering diverse perspectives. These considerations include the diversity of disabilities and the views of Aboriginal people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people from gender and sexually diverse communities; and
- e) represent the rights and interests of people with disability living across metropolitan, regional, rural, and remote areas of WA.

In performing its functions, I expect the Council to:

- Focus its attention on issues where there is the opportunity and need for change;
- Support its advice with evidence, including lived experience;
- Recommend solutions; and
- Work collaboratively, including requesting engagement with the Department of Communities to inform and target its advocacy as required.

The Council's advice

I expect the Council's advice to be:

- focussed on policy, service and program development, including developments relating to the following priorities:
 - The State Disability Strategy 2020-2030, and the implementation of strong Action Plans to realise the Strategy's vision.
 - The International Day of People with Disability.
 - Implementation of the State Government's response to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.
 - Reforms relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and broader disability services system, including the State Government's role in the design and implementation of Foundational Supports.
- confidential to the State Government unless agreed with my office. Members are not otherwise authorised to make public statements regarding the Council or the Department of Communities. Any concerns should be raised through the appropriate Departmental or Ministerial channels.

It is anticipated that the Council's advice will lead to:

- Western Australians with disability, and those who share their lives, being engaged and feeling empowered to live as they choose in a community where everyone belongs.
- Improvements in the availability, quality and safety of disability services and disability advocacy across WA.
- Elevation of the voices of Western Australians with disability.

Following each Council meeting, I expect the Council to provide brief written advice to me on significant developments or insights regarding the above priority issues. Not all issues need to be addressed in this advice, only those that require my attention. I further expect to be provided with relevant advice out of session as required, at the Chair's discretion.

Good governance

I expect the Council to uphold high standards of governance, transparency, and accountability in all its operations. Each member is obligated to familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct, Charter and any statutory requirements. I also expect each Council member to contribute constructively to the work of the Council, maintain confidentiality, and act always in the public interest.

To ensure alignment across key WA forums, I expect the Council to maintain a collaborative and constructive relationship with:

- the Board of the Disability Services Commission;
- the NDIS WA Community Advisory Council; and
- the Department of Communities Disability Lived Experience Advisory Panel.

Strong communication and mutual respect across these groups will be essential to improving outcomes for people with disability across the State.

This Statement of Expectations applies until a change of Government or Minister, or until a two-yearly review or other occurrence that deems a review of these documents necessary.

I look forward to working with you and continuing our cooperative working relationship.

Yours sincerely



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