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Dear Directorate Consultative Committee membership,

Establishment of Dhulwa Workplace Consultative Committee

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chair of the Canberra Health Services General Directorate Consultative Committee (DCC) and on behalf of the other chairs of CHS DCCs;

- Dr Kathryn Daveson – Chair of the Medical Practitioner DCC
- Kellie Lang – Chair of the Nursing and Midwifery DCC
- Jo Morris – Chair of the Health Professional DCC

In accordance with clause G1.5.4 of the ACT Public Service core employment framework conditions, Canberra Health Services is seeking endorsement from the membership of our DCCs for the establishment of a Dhulwa Workplace Consultative Committee (DWCC).

The DWCC is being proposed as a result of the Independent Board of Inquiry into the Legislative, Workplace Governance and Clinical Frameworks at the Dhulwa Mental Health Unit. The DWCC is proposed to be in operation for up to 12 months and the intent of the DWCC is to facilitate information sharing with industrial partners in relation to workplace issues relating to Dhulwa. Enclosed with this correspondence for your consideration is a copy of the draft Terms of Reference for the DWCC (Attachment A).

Additionally, the re-endorsed Dhulwa Model of Care (Attachment B) and the draft Change Management Plan (Attachment C) have been enclosed. Both documents were submitted to the Independent Oversight Committee and the relating recommendations endorsed for closure. They are for noting by the DCC members.

Responses to the proposal can be sent to CHSHRAdvisory@act.gov.au, please provide your feedback and response to the proposal by close of business 02 June 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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CC:
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