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Dear Mr Kearns,

Re: Mental Health Alcohol & Other Drugs – Staff Consultative Committee

I write to support the progression of a Mental Health Alcohol & Other Drugs (MHAOD) Staff Consultative Committee for Northern NSW Local Health District.

At present there are inconsistent avenues for the MHAOD Leadership Team to consult and discuss Industrial matters with the unions, your delegates and in-turn members.

Organisational structures and delegation pathways are such that a dedicated MHAOD Staff Consultative Committee is more efficient and better serves the needs of the staff working in MHAOD.

The establishment of a MHAOD Staff Consultative Committee would provide the following benefits:

- A forum where issues affecting MHAOD staff across all unions can be raised for discussion and consultation (where the items are not already covered in operational meetings a such as ward unit meetings or other committees where minutes are widely distributed and available).
- Issues across MHAOD, including locations from Tweed to Grafton, are covered.

It is proposed to schedule the inaugural MHAOD Staff Consultative Committee early November 2023. To facilitate this could you please confirm your agreement for this committee and MHAOD will move to draft Terms of Reference. Could you also confirm your nominated union delegates to support membership of this Committee.

Please forward your response to the above to Dominic Lazzaroni, A/Executive Assistant care of Dominic.Lazzaroni@health.nsw.gov.au . It would be appreciated if this could be returned by 6 October 2023.

Should you have any questions please contact my office on 02 6620 2623.

Yours sincerely

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A/Director, Mental Health Alcohol & Other Drugs