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FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ms Kate Gilbert
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Dear Ms Gilbert

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2008 introducing the Type 1 Diabetes Opinion Leaders Group of the Type 1 Diabetes Network and notification of the launch of the *The Statement of issues affecting Australians with Type 1 Diabetes*. The Minister has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

Type 1 Diabetes continues to be a priority for WA Health. This is reflected in the recently released Diabetes Model of Care for Western Australia developed by the Endocrine Health Network. The model of care provides a blueprint for the coordination and management of diabetes that includes both best practice management and the need for ongoing research associated with Type 1 Diabetes. It also has a strong emphasis on networking and information sharing.

The Clinical Lead of the Endocrine Health Network, Dr David Hurley and colleagues on the Endocrine Health Network Executive Advisory Group would like to be kept informed of the work of the Diabetes Opinion Leaders Group and future correspondence can be directed as follows to:

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Clinical Lead, Endocrine Health Network
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PO Box 8172,
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PERTH WA 6849

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the launch of *The Statement of issues affecting Australians with Type 1 Diabetes* and the ongoing work that The Type 1 Diabetes Network provides for this important health issue.

Yours sincerely

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