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Dear Ms Miller

I refer to your letter of 27 September 2012 (File Ref: D12/25625) regarding Report No. 1/55 of the Committee on Children and Young People *Review of 2009-2010 Annual Report and 2010-2011 Annual Report of the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, and the 2009 Reports of the Child Death Review Team.*

I note that the Committee has made two recommendations relating to the functions of the Commission.

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Commission give more prominence to its online presence and research the most effective methods to reach children and young people.

This recommendation is supported.

The Commission is currently redeveloping its website which will include a revamped space for children and young people and a new online system for employees to apply for Working With Children Checks (WWCCs) and for employers to verify checks.

The Commission has new media and communications strategies for both the new WWCC and broader CCYP work which include utilising digital media where appropriate.

In relation to researching the most effective methods to reach children and young people I have been advised that the Commission will continue to ensure that this is a focus of its work. The Commission has recently:

- employed external evaluators to assess the effectiveness of its Young People Advisory Group (YPAG) model with a view to informing future best practice



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- developed a new model of classroom consultations to reach a wider range of children which is also being externally evaluated
- supported the YPAG to conduct innovative research among children in their communities on how children spend their time after school
- showcase and shared knowledge about best practice initiatives to reach and involve children and young people
- commenced drafting new sections of the *Citizen Me!* participation resource covering online engagement, child friendly publications and how to reach hard to reach groups of children and young people
- is looking at the impact of children's participation in school decision making on children's broader engagement with school.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that that the Commission introduce Key Performance Indicators and report on these in future Annual Reports.

The Commission has incorporated Key Performance Indicators in its *2011-12 Annual Report*.

Yours sincerely

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