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Mr Paul McLeay, MP  
Chair  
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Parliament of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street  
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Dear Mr McLeay

I refer to correspondence regarding the Auditor-General's Report on *Responding to Homelessness* and your request for submissions from agencies on their activity relating to the recommendations from this Report.

While the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) is not specifically identified in the recommendations contained in the *Responding to Homelessness* Report, DAA has been involved in addressing the issues of homelessness as a member of the Partnership Against Homelessness Sub Committee.

Through participation on this Committee DAA has been contributing in developing actions in partnership with other agencies to address Homelessness. In the Draft Consultation Paper for the Homelessness Strategic Framework, DAA has the lead responsibility in partnership with the Aboriginal Housing Office to identify where mainstream support services can improve support for homeless Aboriginal people and how to improve complementary supports for Aboriginal people.

DAA is in addition identified as partner in a number of other planned actions including:

- Developing planned coordinated support for people in contact with the criminal justice system and exiting corrective services;
- Developing planned support for people exiting Out of Home Care;
- Developing appropriate referral mechanisms for people exiting a health facility who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Developing planned support for people exiting disability services;
- Facilitating a coordinated approach to supporting people at risk of homelessness in the private rental market; and
- Facilitating a coordinated approach to supporting women and children at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence.

If you have any further queries regarding this submission please contact Carlo Svagelli, Senior Policy Officer, Policy and Regulation Division, at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs on 9219 0769 or email [carlo.svagelli@daa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:carlo.svagelli@daa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jody Broun', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jody Broun  
**Director General**

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