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Mrs Megan Mitchell National's Children's Commissioner GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001

Via email: kids@humanrights.gov.au

Dear Mrs Mitchell

RACP submission to National Children's Commissioner report: Australia's progress implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Thank you for inviting The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) to make a submission to your report on Australia's progress implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC).

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), represents over 17,000 fellows and 7,500 trainees across over 30 specialties in Australia and New Zealand. Our membership includes 5,100 paediatric fellows and trainees. who routinely work with newborns, infants, young children and their families. Our Paediatric and Child Health Division is currently leading policy development in a number of relevant areas, including early childhood and Indigenous child health.

Please find enclosed our submission, which we have developed and consulted on widely across the College with both individual members and our key College bodies.

We would like to once again express our thanks for your participation in the RACP's recent Congress, and for launching our position statement on inequities in child health. As you requested, a copy of the statement is enclosed with this submission. You are welcome to provide it to the UN in part or in full at your discretion.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss this further, please contact Policy Officer on policy@racp.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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RACP position statement on inequities in child health