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Subject: Review of the National Disability Peak Organisations Secretariat Arrangements - Workshop 10 March [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
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Dear Therese

Please find attached an invitation to attend a workshop on 10 March 2010 to discuss the review of the National Disability Peak organisations secretariat arrangements. The original correspondence is in the mail.

Kind regards
Kris

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Therese
Dear Ms Sands

**Re: Review of the National Disability Peak Organisations Secretariat
arrangements – workshop**

I am writing to invite two representatives from your organisation to attend a workshop to discuss the review of the National Disability Peak organisations secretariat arrangements. The workshop will be held on 10 March 2010 from 10.00am to 3.30pm at the Jasper Hotel, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

The development of the National Disability Strategy, the review of advocacy arrangements under the National Disability Agreement and the Government's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities are significant reforms. Given the reforms it is timely for government to also consider the current arrangements in respect of disability peak bodies and whether they align with Government's directions of these reforms.

The workshop will examine the current arrangements for funding and support of National Disability Peak organisations by government and explore whether these arrangements can be improved to better support people with disability in Australia.

Please RSVP for the workshop to Kris Fisher, telephone (02) 6244 7533 or e-mail: kris.fisher@fahcsia.gov.au by 26 February 2010. The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) will be arranging flights, accommodation and other support needs for participants and will be in contact with you about your travel preferences. If you have any queries about the meeting arrangements please contact Brenda Lacey at AFDO on (03) 9662 3324.

The workshop will be complemented by a written submission process and I would like to invite you to forward a written submission to Kris Fisher, e-mail kris.fisher@fahcsia.gov.au by 26 March 2010.

Your submission should identify the advantages and disadvantages of the current arrangements for the disability peak organisations and provide your organisations views about possible structures for disability peak organisation funding in the future.

If you have any questions about the review please contact Phil Alchin, telephone (02) 6244 5529 or e-mail phil.alchin@fahcsia.gov.au.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Kind regards



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