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Professor Alan Hayes Director Australian Institute of Family Studies Level 20 South Tower 485 La Trobe Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Professor Hayes

RE: EXTENSION TO IMPLEMENT GROWING UP IN AUSTRALIA: THE LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN

Thank you for your request to extend our in principle support of the *Growing Up in Australia* longitudinal study, which is a nation-wide project that investigates the contribution of children's family, social, learning, economic and cultural environments to their wellbeing and development.

I give in principle support for Catholic schools in Western Australia to participate in Wave 5 to 8 of this valuable study. However, consistent with CEOWA policy, participation in your research project will be the decision of the individual principal and staff members.

Responsibility for quality control of ethics and methodology of the proposed research resides with the institution supervising the research. The CEOWA notes that the Australian Institute of Family Studies Ethics Committee has granted permission for the duration of this research project.

Any changes to the proposed methodology will need to be submitted for CEOWA approval prior to implementation. The focus and outcomes of your research project are of interest to the CEOWA. It is therefore a condition of approval that the research findings of this study are forwarded to the CEOWA.

Further enquiries may be directed to Tanya Davies at <u>davies.tanya@ceo.wa.edu.au</u> or (08) 6380 5379.

I wish you all the best with your research.

Yours Sincerely

Ron Dullard