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

Dear Professor Hayes

The request for an extension of approval to your project titled "Growing Up In Australia, The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children" has been considered by a senior Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) consultant with reference to the original DECD approval which was granted in September 2005.

Subsequently, I am pleased to advise you that after careful consideration, the extension of approval for the project to include the subsequent Waves 5 to 8 of the study, beginning with wave 5 in 2012, has been granted.

Please feel welcome to contact Mr Jeffrey Stotter, Project Officer - Research and Innovation on (08) 8226 0119 for any matters you may wish to discuss regarding the general review/approval process.

Please also supply the department with an electronic copy of the final report which will be circulated to interested staff and then made available to DECD educators for future reference.

I wish you well with your project.

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Dear Principal/Director/Site Manager

The research project titled "Growing Up In Australia, The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children" conducted by Professor Alan Hayes from the Australian Institute of Family Studies has been reviewed centrally and granted approval for access to Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) sites. However, the researcher will still need your agreement to proceed with this research at your site.

The approval is given for Wave 5 of the study, beginning in 2012, and also for subsequent iterations through to Wave 8 of the study.

Once approval has been given at the local level, it is important to ensure that the researchers fulfil their responsibilities in obtaining informed consent as agreed, that individuals' confidentiality is preserved and that safety precautions are in place.

Researchers are encouraged to provide feedback to sites used in their research, and you may wish to make this one of the conditions for accessing your site. To ensure maximum benefit to DECD, researchers are also asked to supply the department with a copy of their final report which will be circulated to interested staff and educators for future reference.

Please contact Jeffrey Stotter, Project Officer – Research and Innovation on (08) 8226 0119 for further clarification if required, or to obtain a copy of the final report.

Yours sincerely

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