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Sent: Friday, 25 November 2016 4:20 PM
To: Sifa Mtango
Subject: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse - Case Study 48 Scouts NSW

Dear Ms. Mtango,

We refer to your previous correspondence and advise as follows,

Each Branch of Scouts Australia approved the National Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures at the Scouts Australia National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting on 20 November 2016.

This new national policy provides

...overarching Child Protection direction for all Scout Branches and represents the minimum standard required. Branches are also to conform to the requirements of their jurisdiction. Branches are to develop their own detailed Child Protection

Frameworks which reflect the requirements of their own jurisdictions and conform with this Policy. Where State-based legislation mandates prescribed actions or imposes a higher level of responsibility that legislation is to apply [p3, Scouts Australia Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures].

Scouts NSW is reviewing and updating its published Child Protection Policy and Procedures to operate under the national policy. The draft document will be presented by the Chief Commissioner and the General Manager to the December Board Meeting for consideration.

In addition, an audit will be conducted by an external agency to review Scouts NSW compliance with

- Scouts Australia Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures;
- Scouts Australia NSW child protection policies and procedures;
- *Creating Child Safe Institutions* – the recommendations of the Royal Commission regarding elements of a Child Safe Organisation.

The results of the audit will inform Scouts NSW policy, procedure and practice.

Please contact the writer should you require.

Yours faithfully,
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