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Dear Mr Giugni

**Scouts Australia- Update to the Statement to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission)**

I refer to the statement provided by Mr Christopher Bates, Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, to the Royal Commission on 17 November 2016.

You may recall that in his statement the Chief Commissioner noted that Scouts Australia's draft *National Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures* was scheduled to be considered for adoption by the National Executive Committee (NEC) at its meeting held on 19 and 20 November 2016.

I can confirm that the NEC has adopted the *National Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures*, and expects the *Policy* to be implemented immediately in all Branches of Scouts Australia.

I enclose a copy of the *National Child Protection Policy and Prescribed Procedures* as adopted by the NEC.

The NEC also endorsed at that meeting the 10 elements of a child safe institution proposed in the Royal Commission's paper *Creating Child Safe Institutions (July 2016)* as a framework for Scouting throughout Australia. In support of that resolution, the NEC established a working group to examine the application of the 10 elements across all Branches, with the purpose of identifying any points of deficiency and to recommend remediation strategies.

Please contact me directly on REDACTED if you have any questions on the above.

Yours faithfully

Martin Thomas  
National Chief Executive  
Scouts Australia

