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To the Assistant Secretary,

Consultation: Consolidation of Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws

Women's Health Victoria welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consolidation of Commonwealth anti-discrimination laws.

Women's Health Victoria is a statewide women's health promotion, information and advocacy service. We are a non government organisation with most of our funding coming from the Victorian Department of Health. Women's Health Victoria's vision is for a society that takes a proactive approach to health and wellbeing, is empowering and respectful of women and girls and takes into account the diversity of their life circumstances.

Women's Health Victoria would like to express our support for the submission made by the Australian Human Rights Commission of 23 January 2012, particularly in relation to the establishment of a new ground of discrimination on the basis of domestic and family violence. The response given by the Australian Human Rights Commission is comprehensive and provides a thorough analysis of why domestic and family violence should be included as a separate ground.

Women's Health Victoria supports all the recommendations set out by the Commission in their submission.

Yours Sincerely

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