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Mr Phil Johnston
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Dear Mr Johnston

Thank you for your letters of 12 and 27 November 2007, concerning a Business Plan to implement a twelve month Pilot in NSW of a Youthful Exuberance Lifestyle Programme ("YELP").

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is the Commonwealth Government's main health and medical research funding body. The NHMRC provides research support through a variety of mechanisms including investigator initiated research projects, broad programs of research and people support schemes. These schemes are highly competitive and grants are assessed through peer review and awarded on the basis of scientific merit.

The NHMRC operates under strict legislative guidelines and only accepts applications for funding through registered Administering Institutions that are able to satisfy all financial, ethical and legal requirements for scientific research. These stringent requirements ensure that only the best research is funded and it is conducted appropriately.

The next round of applications for NHMRC Project Grant funding commencing in 2009 was advertised on 7 December 2007 with a closing date for applications on 14 March 2008. Details about this and other NHMRC funding schemes and their Policies are available on the NHMRC Website at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/index.htm>.

The NHMRC is not in a position to discuss the merit of your Business Plan with the NSW Department of Health or to assist in sourcing volunteers for your program. You will need to approach the NSW Department of Health directly to discuss your Business Plan.

I trust this information is helpful and I wish you well in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warwick Anderson".

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Dear Mr. Anderson

Business Plan for Youthful Exuberance Lifestyle Programme ("YELP")

Thank you for your letter dated 13 December 2007 which –

- (i) explained why NHMRC wasn't the correct government department to submit my business plan for a pilot in NSW; and
- (ii) recommended that I approach NSW Department of Health directly.

I will similarly write to NSW Department of Health in the short term. If there is a particular division or contact within NSW Health that I should direct my submission, I would value being informed of it by e-mail to 'phone or letter.

Yours sincerely



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