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Dear John

I thought the attached letter from the Victorian Department of Health would interest you. It's illustrative of the feedback we get from other State and Territory Governments. The decision rests with the Delegate and they will automatically adjust any changes to their own Schedules based on the Delegate's decision.

Professor Nutt and I had a good meeting with the President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists yesterday, Associate Professor Vinay Lakra. Associate Professor Lakra expressed support for the need for real world evidence and the concept of an independent registry that we put forward in our submission. When I took Associate Professor Lakra through the overwhelming support that we had received for rescheduling on the limited basis proposed (including from Health Sector Experts and Researchers) he also seemed genuinely surprised that the view of the RANZCP would apparently be taken as such an enormous counterweight to this.

If you are able to arrange the presentation that I mentioned in my last email with the ACMS/Delegate from experts Professor David Nutt, Professor Arthur Christopoulos and leading Australian psychiatrists we would be very happy (and indeed encourage) Associate Professor Vinay Lakra to also be there.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

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Dear Ms de Jong and Mr Hunt

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2022 addressed to the Hon Gabrielle Williams MP, Minister for Mental Health regarding access to psilocybin and MDMA. Your letter has been referred to me for my consideration and response.

As noted in your email, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is the national body responsible for the scheduling of medicines and poisons. The Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling makes recommendations to the Scheduling Delegate of the TGA, however the decision to reschedule MDMA and psilocybin lies with the Scheduling Delegate.

Victoria will automatically adopt any changes to the schedules in the Commonwealth Poisons Standard.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to Minister Williams about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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