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Dear Ms Paterson

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2011 regarding the HACC Development Officer (DO) network.

Sector networks such as your HACC DO network have a large role to play as we progress through the reforms to Home and Community Care and wider reforms to aged care in the years ahead.

I am aware that the Department of Health and Ageing is working with the HACC DO's network to attend network meetings and to ensure information is available to the organisations and people they support. I hope that relationship will continue to grow as the Commonwealth takes responsibility for funding for the HACC Aged Care Program.

I appreciate you bringing the HACC DO network to my attention and trust that you will continue your work within the sector.

Yours sincerely

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