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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Draft Guidelines for Community Consultative Committees (CCC)

I refer to my submission concerning the above dated 25th March, 2016.

I have made reference in the above submission at clause (5) of my submission to the appointment of alternative delegates by the secretary. On a further reading of the "alternative representatives" section, page 6 of the draft guidelines, I now feel there is some ambiguity in that section.

The section provides that the secretary (or a nominated representative) may appoint alternative community representatives to the committee. These representatives may act as a substitute for a community representative of the committee if a member is unable to attend a meeting.

The 2007 guidelines provide that as "alternative community representative(s) may be nominated by a community member". The 2007 guidelines, therefore, designate specifically who the alternative delegate represents at any attendance of a CCC meeting by such alternate delegate.

On reading the provisions in the draft guidelines, it could be read that the secretary merely appoints a number of alternatives, not specific to a particular member, and from that pool an alternative would attend for an non-attendee.

If this is the intention of the draft, it should be spelt out how and by whom, from such a pool of alternative(s) delegate(s), would an alternative delegate be appointed to attend a CCC on behalf of an absent appointed member.

Also, as many people on CCC's represent community organisations, they often like to have an alternative from their organisation in order to maintain continuity in the dispersal of information.

I am not sure if it was the intention of the draft guidelines to create such a pool. If not, can I suggest that the priorities for alternative delegates be such that an alternative is appointed to a specific member on that member's recommendation, provided the alternative is satisfactory for the position.

Yours sincerely

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