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Dear Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority

## **Consultation on the draft F-10 Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education**

Please find attached the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance's additional comments on the draft F-10 Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

The Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA) is one of six National Women's Alliances funded by the Australian Government. AWAVA's key area of focus is addressing all forms of violence against women, to ensure that all women and children are able to live free from all forms of violence and abuse. AWAVA recognises that violence against women and girls is both a consequence and cause of gender inequality in all sectors of society and must be addressed by promoting women's rights and social, political and economic equality.

AWAVA welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the draft HPE curriculum and supports the inclusion of the 'role of power in relationships' in the Healthy Relationships and Sexuality section of the curriculum and the references to exploring gender, gender roles and gender stereotypes.

To further enhance the development of the HPE curriculum and its implementation, AWAVA recommends three key focus areas:

- Stronger inclusion of gender equality education messages throughout the curriculum, starting in early childhood
- Teacher education being prioritised for the effective delivery of the curriculum addressing gender equity and equality and Respectful Relationships education
- Bullying and violence programs, including Respectful Relationships, drawing on a gender analysis

Our member organisation, the Association of Women's Educators, would welcome the opportunity to further discuss the issues raised in the AWAVA submission. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Best Regards



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