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Dear Varo Lee,

Subject: SARAA Submission on the draft DCS Suicide Prevention Action Plan

The Department for Correctional Services would like to extend its gratitude for your comprehensive submission in response to our request for public feedback on the draft *Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2025 – 2028*.

We are currently in the process of finalising the Action Plan, which is expected to be published in February 2025. Once completed, a copy will be available on our website and will also be uploaded to the Your SAy engagement site for public access.

We are pleased to inform you that a number of changes have been incorporated into the Action Plan as a direct result of the thoughtful and considered feedback provided by the SA Rainbow Alliance. We would also like to advise that your feedback will be further considered in relation to the Department's Safe at Work Framework and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. These will be the primary policy documents that will shape work undertaken by DCS to improve LGBTIQ+ inclusive practice in the coming years. As you will note, the *Suicide Prevention Action Plan* now refers to the development of 'actions and a staged plan' under these strategic documents, which will involve consultation with people with lived experience and expert representative bodies.

In addition, thank you for providing relevant resources. We intend to be in touch with the project team involved in the piece of work undertaken by NSW Department for Communities and Justice in this space.

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Thank you once again for your valuable contribution. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to enhance the wellbeing and safety of LGBTIQ+ staff and people in contact with the criminal justice system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HMills', written in a cursive style.

Hayley Mills
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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