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ADVOCACY CENTRE

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to express my interest in appointment to the Open Government Forum.

### **Support of OGP's vision and the Open Government Declaration**

I am the CEO of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC). PIAC is an independent legal centre, established in 1982. Open government and public accountability has been a major focus of its work for over 35 years. This has included public education, policy advocacy and litigation concerning freedom of information, administrative law, government contracting, parliamentary democracy and freedom of political communication. PIAC supports OGP's vision and made a submission on the OGP and Australia's National Action Plan in May 2016.

### **Expertise relevant to the Open Government Partnership**

I am a lawyer with 20 years' experience, including in public law and high-level policy development. Previous roles include Principal Legal Officer at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency in Darwin and Director of Legal Services at the Australian Human Rights Commission (also providing legal services to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner).

I have significant experience in governance through board and steering/management committee roles, with organisations addressing diverse issues including Aboriginal governance and management, disability discrimination, pro bono services, torture and trauma survivors and youth services.

### **Ability to engage broad and diverse community networks**

I have worked extensively with diverse communities in NSW and the Northern Territory and have engaged with broad networks across Australia. PIAC has an active network across the community sector, including groups working with Indigenous people, people with disabilities, children and young people, homeless people and consumers.

### **Previous experience working with and influencing government**

Working with and influencing government is central to my current role. In this and previous roles I have appeared many times before government inquiries and have led major policy and law reform submissions and projects on issues including Indigenous justice, access to justice, human rights and government service delivery. I have also published widely in academic and professional journals on law and justice issues.

I can provide a detailed CV and further information upon request.

Yours faithfully,

**Jonathon Hunyor**  
Chief Executive Officer

