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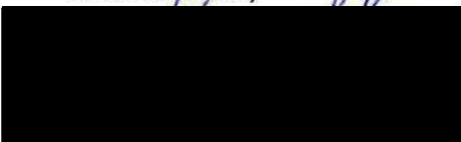
Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling  
Health Products Regulation - Therapeutic Goods Administration  
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We write to support the submission made by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and the National LGBTI Health Alliance, opposing the interim decision to change the scheduling arrangement for alkyl nitrites.

The Queensland AIDS Council (QuAC) is an independent non-profit community organization funded by government grants, community fundraising, donations and sponsorships. QuAC's vision is to see a Queensland where all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI), sistergirl and brotherboy peoples achieve the best possible health and well-being outcomes while participating fully in the life of their communities, free from stigma and discrimination.

We are concerned about the poor quality of evidence in support of this matter, the lack of systemic harm that has been articulated and the capacity for the further criminalisation or already marginalised populations. We urge you to overturn this decision and to engage in greater consultation with communities affected by these processes in the future.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director,

