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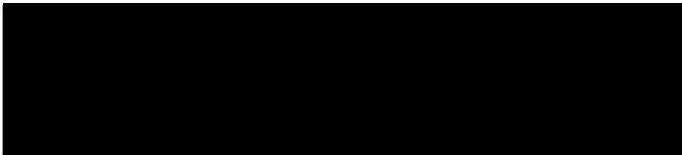
**Publication of interim decisions proposing to amend, or not amend, the current Poisons Standard, September 2018**

I write to support the submission made by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations (AFAO) and the National LGBTI Health Alliance, opposing the interim decision to change the scheduling arrangements for alkyl nitrates.

The WA AIDS Council (WAAC) is the non-government organization in Western Australia providing the WA Community a wide range of services in the prevention of HIV, sexually transmitted infections and blood borne viruses as well as the treatment and care of people living with HIV>

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 criminalization of already marginalized 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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