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The Hon. Robert McClelland
Attorney General
Parliament House
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Dear Attorney General

I write to congratulate you on your announcement yesterday that Dr Helen Szoke has been appointed as Australia's first full-time Race Discrimination Commissioner and the first standalone Race Discrimination Commissioner since 1997. The appointment of a full-time specialist Race Relations Commissioner is something which our organization has long advocated, including in my letter to you of 7 July 2010.

Dr Szoke has a distinguished record of service in her previous role as a Commissioner with the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, and through her work as Co-Chair of the Management Committee of the 'Play by the Rules' website.

We look forward to working with Dr Szoke and will make arrangements to meet with her after she commences work in her new position on 5 September 2011.

Yours sincerely

Peter Wertheim AM
Executive Director