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Dear Ms McNeill

I refer to your correspondence of 3 February 2022 which was co-signed by Ms Helen Innes, Board Member and Mr David Mackay, Board Member, concerning a request to extend the consultation period and timeframe for the Review of the National Medicines Policy (NMP the Review).

In response to requests for extension, I have agreed to extend the consultation period on the draft Policy document by an additional two weeks. The survey will now close on 2 March 2022.

This survey is part of the NMP Review Committee's consultation process. Through its program of meetings and virtual group discussions, the NMP Review Committee received 156 written submissions and consulted with 194 representatives across 135 organisations. Drawing on this extensive engagement process, and diversity of views expressed, feedback received has been used to inform the refresh of the NMP as a high-level policy framework.

Acknowledging that the NMP is a high-level policy framework and therefore is not prescriptive about the programs and initiatives that deliver on its aim and intended outcomes, I am confident that the NMP Review Committee will be able to balance the competing needs of diverse stakeholders as the draft NMP document is refined during March 2022.

Thank you for writing on this matter and for your continued engagement with the Review.

Yours sincerely

Greg Hunt