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Mr Sandy Hollway  
Chairman  
Aid Effectiveness Review  
AusAID  
GPO Box 887  
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1 December 2010

Dear Sandy,

**RE: Review of AusAID effectiveness**

The Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) welcomes the review into the effectiveness of the AusAID program.

The APC assists the development of disability sport in other countries through its program of international involvement. It has a particularly strong leadership role in the Oceania region and was instrumental in the creation of the Oceania Paralympic Committee during the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney.

The APC is a professional organisation with a record of achievement at all levels. Its programs range from grassroots activities in education, athlete classification<sup>1</sup> and talent identification, through to the highest levels of elite sport.

We note that disability is one of the sixteen themes of the AusAID program and that AusAID's Australian Sports Outreach program, delivered by the Australian Sports Commission, includes a disability sport component.

We believe that improved outcomes can be achieved in the disability sport component of the AusAID program through engagement between government and the APC. At present, there is no such engagement.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the role of the APC within the Oceania region and highlight areas where the APC believes that opportunities for positive engagement exist.

People who have a disability are often the most marginalised citizens in developing communities.

Sport can provide an effective vehicle for rehabilitation, to improve health outcomes (including mental health), and to enhance the value and role within their communities of people with a disability.

To this end, addressing the continuum of sport and sporting opportunities is important, as communities require exemplars and role models at all levels of participation to effectively create change.

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<sup>1</sup> "Classification" is the process of separating athletes with similar levels of impairment into groups, or classes, so they can compete in fair and equal competitions against one another.

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However, people with a disability in developing countries who wish to play sport face challenges of support (including classification, equipment), access (especially facilities and transport) and opportunity (such as coaching, training, competition).

Our interest stems from an acknowledgment that the APC has a responsibility to support sport for people with a disability in our immediate region. We would welcome an association with AusAID to assist the effective targetting of AusAID funding.

Through the Oceania Paralympic Committee, the APC works with sporting organisations in the Oceania region to identify areas of need and to assist in developing strategies to address them.

The APC arranges the delivery of some classification activities, provides administration and coach training and supports athlete development in the Oceania region.

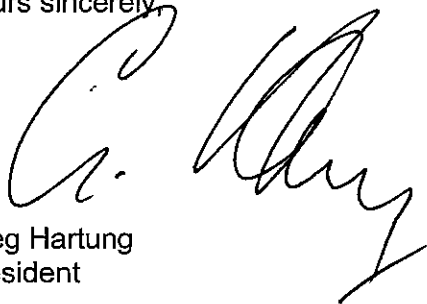
Powerful change is facilitated through the engagement of communities with each other. As a community organisation, the APC plays an effective role in its region, consistent with the aims of the AusAID program. It is well placed to assist in the delivery of the AusAID program.

The APC believes that a level of formal engagement between the agencies which deliver the AusAID program and the APC will create greater consistency in Australia's engagement with its region in the area of disability sport and produce measurable, ongoing benefits for Australia's investment.

I would be pleased to provide further information to assist your review.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Hartung  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hartung', written in a cursive style.