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H.E. Mr Alexander Downer
High Commission of Australia
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Your Excellency,

I am writing to introduce The Diana Award, a charity legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world. Since 1999 over 47,000 young people have been recognised with The Diana Award for making an outstanding difference in their communities across the globe and we are delighted to have the support of HRH Prince William and HRH Prince Harry.

Nominations for The Diana Award are now open and we invite you to put forward young people from Australia encouraging other schools and organisations to do the same. The Diana Award is open to young people aged between 9 and 18 who are campaigning, fundraising and volunteering their way to making a better world, just like Princess Diana. We know that there are many young people in your country who fit this criteria and we believe that they deserve recognition on a global stage.

2017 is a very special year as it marks the 20th Anniversary of Princess Diana's passing. We plan to celebrate Diana's life and legacy throughout the year and as a part of the celebrations we have announced the 'Inaugural Legacy Award' which will look to highlight the achievements of 20 exceptional young people from across the world for their selfless commitment to transforming the lives of others.

Legacy Award recipients will be leaders, visionaries and role models able to inspire and mobilise new generations to serve their communities and make a positive change to the world as Princess Diana believed they could. The 20 recipients of the Legacy Award will travel to London, UK to receive the honour at a prestigious ceremony in May 2017. Legacy Award recipients will also have access to a unique Development Programme which will provide them with the opportunity to enhance their skills in four key areas; leadership, community development, social entrepreneurship and technology for good.

Nominations for The Diana Award and Legacy Award are open until **17th March 2017** and can be made at www.diana-award.org.uk. We would be absolutely delighted if you were able to assist us in encouraging schools and organisations in Australia to nominate so that we can celebrate the amazing things that your young people are doing.

If you are able to help please contact my colleague daniel.gothard@diana-award.org.uk who would be delighted to discuss this further.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter and consider our request.

Yours sincerely,

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