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Dear Dr Hartley

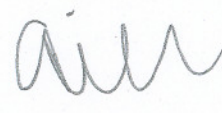
NICNAS EXISTING CHEMICALS PROGRAM REVIEW

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NICNAS' review of its existing chemicals assessment program.

As you may be aware, EPA Victoria is working with other jurisdictions to develop a national framework to improve the environmental management of chemicals in Australia. This work is being undertaken at the request of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council. As you would also be aware the framework seeks some improvements in the assessment of chemicals by Commonwealth assessment agencies such as NICNAS, improved consultation between assessment agencies and State environmental regulators, and improved regulation of high risk chemicals at a state level.

The reforms proposed to the existing chemicals assessment program are consistent with the proposed National Chemicals Framework and EPA Victoria therefore supports NICNAS' proposed reforms.

Yours sincerely

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