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### ***JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE***

Ref: A374156

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Ms Michelle Scott  
Commissioner for Children and Young People  
Ground Floor, 1 Alvan Street  
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Dear Ms Scott

#### **REFERRAL OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE SEXUALISATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People (the Committee) is aware that the sexualisation of children and young people, and its impact on their wellbeing is one of your priority areas. The Committee has also recently received advice of the two seminars you are hosting in partnership with the Department for Communities to discuss the potential damage to children and young people's wellbeing by sexualised media and advertising.

As you are aware, the Committee has concerns in relation to the sexualisation of children and young people. Given these concerns and your interest in this important matter, pursuant to section 19(1) of the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006*, the Committee has resolved to refer particular matters to you for consideration and recommendations.

The Committee refers to you the following matters, insofar as they may be relevant to the sexualisation of children, for consideration, and requests that you make recommendations as to any specific actions required to be taken by the Government of Western Australia in relation to these matters in order to better secure the wellbeing of children and young people in Western Australia: