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The Honourable Dr Margaret White AO and Mr Mick Gooda  
Royal Commissioners  
The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory  
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Dear Commissioners

**The Royal Australasian College of Physicians *Protecting children is everybody's business: Paediatricians responding to the challenge of child protection***

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) commends the ongoing inquiry of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

As the Royal Commission is calling for submissions in response to the Issues Paper on Child Protection, the RACP would like to provide the 2015 policy *Protecting children is everybody's business: Paediatricians responding to the challenge of child protection*. The policy contains recommendations relating to assessment and referral frameworks and a paediatrician's role in investigations. The policy was developed by the RACP Paediatrics & Child Health Division.

The RACP would be pleased to contribute paediatric or medical specialist expertise to assist the Royal Commission. If you would like to discuss these matters further please contact Beth Wilson, Policy Officer Privacy or Privacy.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Protecting Children is everybody's business: paediatricians responding to the challenge of child protection March 2015