



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

Mr Phil Johnston  
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Dear Mr Johnston

Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry Science and Research, has provided a copy of your 14 May 2009 correspondence regarding your business plans for the 'Youthful Exuberance Lifestyle Program' (YELP) to the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, Minister for Health and Ageing. Minister Roxon has asked me to reply on her behalf.

Your proposal has been previously brought to the attention of the Preventative Health Taskforce, as has your submission in response to the Taskforce's discussion paper '*Australia: the healthiest country by 2020*'.

The Government will consider on merit any recommendations the Taskforce may make concerning support for community programs in physical activity.

The Taskforce submitted the National Preventative Health Strategy to the Minister for Health and Ageing on 30 June 2009.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of Minister Carr.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. Morris'.

Mr Peter Morris  
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