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Dear Ms Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 10 September 2019 acknowledging Australia's global leadership on disability inclusive development and calling for a third iteration of the *Development for All* strategy.

Australia is a strong proponent internationally for disability rights and inclusion. The Government's 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper reaffirms that disability inclusion, like gender equality, is a crosscutting priority for Australia's international engagement on human rights, development assistance and humanitarian action.

Central to Australia's approach to disability inclusion is supporting organisations of people with disabilities to build their capacity, so they can give voice to people with disabilities at all levels and contribute as leaders and decision makers in their communities.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has commenced consultations with domestic and international stakeholders, including people with disabilities and their representative organisations on our future approach. I have asked the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to include ADDC in these consultations and to keep you informed of progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ADDC for its continued support and engagement with the Government on disability inclusive development.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Hawke', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Alex Hawke  
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