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Dear Professor Hayes

Approval of research proposal - extension

Thank you for your letter of 20 January 2012 seeking an extension of approval for the research project titled *Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children*. I am pleased to inform you that the Education and Training Directorate has approved the extension for Wave 5 of the project.

Please note the following conditions regarding your proposed research project:

- research in schools must be concluded by 31 December 2013. Extension beyond this date is subject to the provision of evidence of ethics approval by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the Australian Institute of Family Studies
- any changes in the methodology, scope and timeframe of the project requires the approval from the Directorate
- within one month of completing your research, you are required to forward electronic and hard copies of your research (paper/report/thesis) electronically to det.research@act.gov.au and by mail to the following address:

Manager
Reporting and Research
Planning and Performance Branch
Education and Training Directorate
ACT Government
GPO Box 158
CANBERRA ACT 2601

- research reports received as per the preceding condition are placed in an online library accessible internally to all Directorate staff in order to inform policy and program development and evaluation through research in public schools.

The Directorate approves research in all ACT public schools. You may now directly approach principals of public schools, with a copy of this approval letter, for permission to carry out

your research. It will be at the discretion of principals as to whether your research can proceed at their site.

If the principal assesses that the nature of the activity and/or the type of contact may place students at risk, the researcher will be required to undergo screening. The researcher or sponsoring organisation will have responsibility for arranging the screening and any associated costs.

A person entering a school to conduct research is a visitor to the school and must comply with the *Visitors in Schools* policy available at:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policy_a-z

Any information that you obtain as part of research or data collection must be treated in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

If you require further assistance please contact Waris Mughal on (02) 6205 4674 or at waris.mughal@act.gov.au

Best wishes for your research.

Yours sincerely



Tracy Stewart
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