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Dear Selection Committee,

**Re: Mr Carl Francia's application for the 2024 Melbourne Poche Indigenous Leadership
Program**

This is a letter of support for Mr Carl Francia to participate in all three week-long modules (Module 1: 17 - 22 March – Melbourne, Victoria; Module 2: 26 - 31 May – Toronto, Canada; Module 3: 18 – 23 August – Shepparton, Victoria) attached to the 2024 Melbourne Poche Indigenous Health Leadership Program.

As an early career academic, Mr Francia has demonstrated leadership through:

- PhD research describing the contemporary Queensland rheumatic heart disease epidemiology using linked health and administrative data.
- Driving efforts within the University of Queensland to explore health, educational, training and research partnerships with the Mabuiag Island community and broader Torres Strait and Cape region.

I see this program as an opportunity for Mr Francia to broaden ideas of leadership and build strong networks across the health sector, with foreseeable benefits of building Mr Francia's capacity to create positive impact through his research and community work. I strongly support his application to be accepted into this program.

Yours sincerely,



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