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Dear Ms Thomas

I am writing to thank you for your significant contribution to the *Prevention is Possible: Family Violence Policy Forums* earlier this year and to commend your role as our Master of Ceremonies across the three events.

I would like to thank you for combining your hosting and facilitating skills with your sharp content knowledge, which greatly increased the level of audience engagement across all three policy forum events. Through the forum evaluation process, many respondents have commented on your high level of skill and recognised that you brought both humour and insight to the prevention discussion.

We are pleased that the *Prevention is Possible* forum series has been effective in bringing a significant diversity of Victorian policy-makers to the discussion about primary prevention. It has increased awareness of and readiness to implement the Victorian *Free from Violence* Prevention Strategy and has also highlighted the challenges ahead if Victoria is to remain a world leader in the prevention of family violence and violence against women.

We are currently exploring options for continuing these events as the Victorian Government moves into implementation of the Prevention Strategy. We would welcome input from you about these events in the future and any other VicHealth activity in the areas of preventing violence against women, promoting gender equality and improving mental wellbeing.

For your interest, our current Gender Equality and Health Position Statement is now available on our website and we will release our Gender Equality and Health Strategy later this year.

We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Yours sincerely



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