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RE: Statement of support for YEAH!

To whom it may concern,

We, the Archer Magazine team, believe strongly in the value of acknowledging and including diverse identities in all discussions about sex, gender and identity.

Youth-led sexual health organisation YEAH! is one of only a handful of organisations in Australia that echo our prioritisation of inclusiveness: like Archer Magazine, YEAH! makes no distinction between straight, gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, intersex, queer, asexual or questioning (LGBTIQA) identities when delivering reliable, accessible information about sexual health.

We fully support this approach. Health professionals and the community are still learning about LGBTIQA-inclusive, affirmative and accessible practice, which means those with diverse identities have a harder time finding solid information and support around sexuality, gender identity and sexual health.

At Archer Magazine, we are committed to supporting communities to feel empowered and affirmed in their sexuality, gender and identity. We believe this sentiment is echoed by YEAH!, and we congratulate YEAH! on their use of youth leadership and peer mentoring models, empowering a generation of young people to feel in control of their sexual health and wellbeing.

Funding youth-focused organisations and initiatives is a practical and effective way the Government can support all young people, and contribute to the increased wellbeing of LGBTIQA communities. This is crucial as we approach a plebiscite, which encourages open and divisive debate about the validity of LGBTIQA individuals and their identities.

Sincerely,

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