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**SUPPORTING LETTER FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA for DR PETER DAVEY's
NOMINATION as PRESIDENT ELECT IFEH 2010**

Dear Mr Ellard,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Environmental Health Australia, I would like to provide strong support for the nomination of Dr Peter Davey for the position of President-Elect of IFEH. Dr Davey is a Fellow of Environmental Health Australia and a summary is provided below of his significant contributions to Environmental Health Australia (formally Australian Institute of Environmental Health – AIEH) and to IFEH. I believe he will contribute successfully to the position of President-Elect IFEH 2010-2012.

Background

Dr Davey has had a long period of professional service as a student, member and now Fellow of Environmental Health Australia (EHA), graduating from the Queensland Institute of Technology (QUT), an EHA Accredited Environmental Health Course, and being appointed as a State Health Inspector (now EHO) in Queensland in 1976. Peter then practiced in both City and State Government in 4 regions in Queensland over a 10 year period. In 1986, Peter was appointed as a lecturer in environmental health at QUT and facilitated courses in the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health. He spent 10 years teaching and chairing accreditation committees for EHA in Australia-wide professionally accredited programs. He established a new Bachelors degree in environmental health at Griffith University (GU) in 1997, where he completed his Master in Environmental and Community Health and PhD qualifications specialising in Community Health Planning. He currently is a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Health in Griffith's School of Environment and Convenes the Masters and PhD Programs in areas of Environment and Health Protection, Quarantine and Pollution.

Summary of Contributions to the Environmental Health Profession

Over a long period of time, Peter served in various EHA positions as a committee member, State Treasurer, State and National Conference Organiser and then was elected Vice President and then President of AIEH in the Queensland State Branch over a 6 year term. In this capacity he was appointed as a Board of Directors of AIEH Pty Ltd for 6 years an Australia non-for-profit company. Peter was appointed the AIEH representative to the IFEH Council while an AIEH Director and State President and has continued in this position with IFEH.

Peter has assisted IFEH with the facilitation of several International Faculty Forums (e.g. in Oslo, San Diego, South Africa etc). As an EHA rep on the IFEH Council since 1998, Peter presented the EHA Reports and developed the winning bid presented at the California Association/IFEH Congress in San Diego in 1998 to host the IFEH World Congress in Brisbane in 2008. This event has now been recognised as one of the most successful IFEH World Congress' in respect of the integrity of the program, partnering with developing counties for capacity building and making a surplus for future EHA activities.

Activities as Chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Group and BOD IFEH

Since 2008, Peter has been Chair of the Asia Pacific Regional Group. Peter has been very active in the Asia Pacific Region over a 15 year period leading up to this appointment, working in partnership to build the capacity of EHO's as an academic at QUT and GU. He has represented AIEH at meetings/seminars in Singapore, New Zealand and Hong Kong (in the 1990's) and the last 10 years in Malaysia, Indonesia, China and Vietnam, Pacific Islands and Mexico. Peter assisted the Malaysian Association to conduct 2 Dengue Fever Workshops sponsored by IFEH/WHO in 2006 and 2007. After facilitating 3 National Meetings and 2 International Conferences across Indonesia, local EHO's formed the Environmental Health Specialists Association (IEHSA) and joined the IFEH in 2008. This group have established a very strong network, they have offered to host the 2011 IFEH Council Meeting in Bali as a contribution to environmental health practice in this region. Peter's activities include developing agreements to collaborate, running meetings, training and speaking at conferences promoting IFEH. If elected as President Elect IFEH these continued activities will benefit EHA and IFEH. Peter has also recently negotiated with Chinese health inspection agencies to join IFEH, and this will be a key goal of Peters' President-Elect position.

Overall, Environmental Health Australia supports IFEH expanding activities across the Region/World and we hope this will lead to new networks and the sharing of information with our members.

We fully support Dr Davey and wish him well in his nomination as President-Elect 2010 of IFEH.

Yours faithfully



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