

Mr Kevin Rudd Prime Minister of Australia Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Fax (02) 6273 4100 21 December 2007

These Families are WORKING Harder than Most in Australia.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Prime Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment to the position of Prime Minister.

In reference to my letter to you of 23 August 2007., We would appreciate a detailed reply and answers to the important questions we have raised with you.

(Our letter to you is also posted on our website www.nnaami.org)

One in five, have to cope with a parents mental illness.

To date we have not received a response from Nicola Roxon.

Your support in this area would be highly valued and be a significant contribution in Australia in Mental Health in the support of vulnerable children and young people at high risk.

Have you read our submission entitled Youth Link? What proportion of federal government mental health expenditure can be made available to support young people at risk through nnaami?

Further information regarding the needs of this group can be found on our website www.nnaami.org

Look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours Sincerely, Merry Christmas

Paul Mckillop

Convenor NNAAMI

"We are the children breaking the silence"

Mr Rudd

The NNAAMI office flooded on Thursday and Friday due to heavy storms which continue with more flash flooding. We are currently working hard to cover office equipment and prevent the office from any further damage. This places enormous extra strain on nnaami at this time.

We know how important it is at Christmas time for kids to get a reply to their concerns and this is one of our main focus points at the moment. Our toys (for hospitals) storage area has also been flooded. We are doing our best, but due to unforseen weather conditions it is very tough. Recent flooding is not the only cause for the hard times at the moment. Help is also needed for NNAAMI to continue its imperative and fundamental work.

A concerted effort from federal government will be appreciated in high gratitude. The support needed for these young people is a task not only important but vital to their own and their parents wellbeing. The vulnerability of these youth and others in this high risk situation currently depends fully on the funding and support from other people with hearts big enough to give.

Your position at present is one that can lead the way in rectifying this sad situation. Please find your way to helping nnaami and those in dire need.

Paul Mckillop NNAAMI