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A Division of PsySSA

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Dear: **Prof. S. Laher**
President of PsySSA
Executive Council of PsySSA

Re: **PiPS position on the requirement for psychology professionals to complete the “eDisclosure” document**

This letter serves to inform you of the current joint position that the PiPS Executive Committee has taken at the ExCo Meeting (dated: Thursday, 7th September 2017) to state that we support psychology professionals in Public Service who choose not to complete the *eDisclosure* document due to the following concerns:

- The security of the financial information of psychology professionals. There is no guarantee that the security of this data is in place with the *e-Disclosure* system.
- The system will be overseen by individuals at institutional level, but who and how beyond this institution is not noted. The possibility of abuse of this financial information within the public health service system is concerning.
- The over-inclusive invasion of the privacy for psychology professionals is concerning. In the past employees are asked to sign that they have no conflict of interest, and must observe the public code of conduct. The onus should be on psychology professionals to observe those codes, and only in the instance of potential misconduct should other information be required, by normal proceedings of the law and public statutes to throw light on investigations of that misconduct.

The PiPS ExCo asks the PsySSA Executive Council to provide the division with a response in regards to this position.

Yours in Public Service excellence,

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