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Dear Nominations Sub-committee

Second Brandon Ah Tong as candidate for Regional Chair of the Western Pacific Region.

On behalf of Vision 2020 Australia, I hereby wish to second The Fred Hollows Foundation's nomination of Mr Brandon A. M. Ah Tong for the position of IAPB Western Pacific Regional Chair. As a current Board Director, former Chair of the Global Committee, former Director of Policy and Advocacy and former interim CEO of Vision 2020 Australia, Brandon's experience working with members will hold him in good stead for this role.

Vision 2020 Australia is the National peak body for eye health and vision care in Australia, representing over 50 organisations spanning service provision, professional associations, training institutions and industry. Our strategic engagement seeks to create systemic change across the areas of independence and participation for people who are blind or have low vision, prevention and early intervention, vision and eye care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and international development in the Indo-Pacific Region.

As a proactive Board Director, committee member and former member of the executive, Brandon's long-standing commitment to eye health and the human rights of people who are blind or who have low vision working with and through a member-based organisation, makes him uniquely well placed to support and harness the power of IAPB members in the region. Brandon is an outstanding candidate for the position of Regional Chair. His skills and experience will greatly contribute to achieving the goals of the IAPB 2030 In Sight Strategy, particularly as the sector works towards the ambitious Global Summit on Eye Health.

Yours sincerely



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