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- Annual Reports of the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System are in CDI??ANN.NOT;
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Reminder: Review of the role of laboratories in communicable disease surveillance and control

An invitation to make submissions

A Review is being conducted into the role of laboratories in the surveillance and control of communicable diseases in Australia. The Review constitutes part of the detailed National Communicable Diseases Surveillance Strategy which has been endorsed by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) and is being developed on behalf of the Chief Health Officers of Australia.

You are invited to make a submission to the Review process. Further information including terms of reference to be addressed can be obtained by calling (06) 289 8351 or by faxing a request to (06) 289 7791. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

How To Make Your Submission

Please make your submission in writing, or on audio tape, and include your name, address and phone number.

Please send your submission to:

Ms Margaret Curran, Secretary
Laboratory Sub-Committee
AIDS / Communicable Diseases Branch
MDP 15

Department of Human Services and Health
GPO Box 9848
Canberra ACT 2601

The closing date for receipt of submissions is **7 February 1996**.

All submissions will be held in a register of submissions that can be accessed by the public. If you would like your submission to be treated as confidential, please indicate this clearly (for example by marking your written submission 'CONFIDENTIAL'). However submissions may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act 1992.