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A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

INTERIM REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS REFORM COMMISSION

SUMMARY

THEMES

Taking responsibility

Individual and collective action to build good health and wellbeing – by people, families, communities, health professionals, employers and governments

Connecting care

Comprehensive care for people over their lifetime

Facing inequities

Recognise and tackle the causes and impacts of health inequities

Driving quality performance

Better use of people, resources, and evolving knowledge

KEY REFORM DIRECTIONS

Healthy Australia 2020 Goals

National Health Promotion and Prevention Agency – education, evidence and research to make prevention a top priority

Greater personal responsibility for improving health supported by policies that make healthy choices easier

Health literacy in National Curriculum for all schools

Better information about creating healthy local communities – ‘wellness footprints’

Workplace health promotion and wellness programs

Strengthen and integrate primary health care through:

Commonwealth responsible for all primary health care

New Comprehensive Primary Health Care Centres

Voluntary enrolment for young families and complex and chronic patients with primary health care services (including general practice)

Personal electronic health record

Invest in a healthy start to life from before conception through the early years

Reshape hospital roles for emergency and planned care and fund accordingly

Complete the ‘missing link’ of sub-acute services

Hospitals – National Access Guarantees and Targets

Expand choices for care and accommodation in aged care

Improved palliative care and advanced care planning

Make real the universal entitlement to health services with targeting on the basis of health need

National Indigenous Health Authority – expert purchasing to achieve better Indigenous health outcomes

‘Denticare Australia’ – restorative and preventive oral health care for all Australians

Remote and rural health – equitable and flexible funding, innovative workforce models, telehealth, patient travel support

Mental health – early intervention for young people, rapid response teams, sub-acute care, linked health and social services

National reporting on progress in tackling health inequities

Options for better governance of the health system

National leadership for national functions such as health technology assessment

Activity based funding with payments for performance and quality

Better use of workforce capabilities - framework for competency based practice

Improved clinical training infrastructure

Permanent national body to promote, monitor, and report on quality and safety

Public reporting on access, efficiency and quality for public and private hospitals

Build a culture of continuous improvement, research and innovation with clinical leadership

PRINCIPLES

People and family centred • Equity • Shared responsibility • Promoting wellness and strengthening prevention
 Comprehensiveness • Value for money • Providing for future generations
 Recognise broader social and environmental influences shape our health • Taking the long term view
 Quality and safety • Transparency and accountability • Public voice and community engagement
 A respectful, ethical system • Responsible spending • A culture of reflective improvement and innovation

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FEEDBACK

You can access the Commission's Interim Report at www.nhhrc.org.au. If you wish to comment on the reform directions, you can do this in a number of ways but responses must be received by 16 March 2009 to allow the Commission to meet its reporting timeframe.



Electronic survey (preferred method):

Respond to all, or just specific reform directions, by completing our electronic feedback survey at: www.nhhrc.org.au



E-mail

Send us specific suggestions to improve our reform directions by attaching two A4 pages (1000 words) in Word format to your e-mail: talkhealth@nhhrc.org.au



Post

Write to us with specific suggestions to improve our reform directions by sending two A4 pages (1000 words) to:

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For consideration by the Commission your response must be received by no later than
Monday 16 March 2009.