



# Better Renal Services Steering Committee

## Meeting 6 Communiqué 15 July 2024

### Introduction

The Better Renal Services for First Nations Peoples Steering Committee (the Committee) provides advice on the implementation of the Better Renal Services for First Nations Peoples Measure (Better Renal Services measure). The Measure will provide \$73.2 million to fund up to 30 four-chair dialysis units, including workforce accommodation where required, to provide dialysis on Country to First Nations Australians with end-stage kidney disease.

### Summary of discussion

The Co-Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed Members to Meeting 6.

The Co-Chair advised that in accordance with probity advice, members with a Conflict of Interest for the ranking and scoring of Expressions of Interest (EOI) from their jurisdictions will be asked to leave the meeting for the time period of the related discussion. These members should also not respond to out-of-session email communication specifically relating to the ranking and scoring of EOIs for which they have a conflict.

The Co-chair advised that at the 10 July 2024 MBS Continuous Review Executive Meeting there was strong support for reforming or expanding the eligibility of MBS item 13105, with advice on options to be provided by the MRAC secretariat in the future.

Members noted that since the last meeting an additional EOI was received, which is now in the list for consideration of Round 3 funding.

There was consensus by members on the ranking and scoring of 10 of the Round 3 EOIs determined at the 26 June meeting. The committee's discussion of the remaining 7 EOIs resulted in adjustment of some scores and ranking and some further clarification to be sought by the secretariat from some applicants. Due to insufficient meeting time and the need for further clarification for some EOIs, it was agreed that the finalisation of the prioritised list of communities to be recommended for Round 3 funding would be facilitated by the Co-Chairs and Secretariat with Members out-of-session.

### Outcomes

- Members discussed EOIs and recommended some ranking adjustments.
- Finalisation of the prioritised list of communities to be recommended for Round 3 funding to be facilitated by the Co-Chairs and Secretariat with Members out-of-session.

### Next Meeting

- To be confirmed.