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**Australian Government****Department of Health, Disability and Ageing**

Dear RACGP Consultation Team

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process for the draft 6th Edition of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) *Standards for General Practices* (the draft Standards). We welcome the RACGP's continued leadership in supporting high-quality, safe, and person-centred care across general practices in Australia.

The release of the *Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report* on 3 February 2023 outlined a transformative vision for Australia's primary care system. It identified four key areas of reform to enable high-quality, integrated care for all Australians:

- Increasing access to primary care
- Encouraging multidisciplinary team-based care
- Modernising primary care
- Supporting change management and cultural change

In our submission to the consultation (Attachment A), we have provided feedback to support the alignment of the draft Standards with this broader reform agenda. s47(1)(b)

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Supplementary information has been provided to accompany the department's submission (Attachment C). This supplementary information is intended to support broader context and alignment with national health system priorities. It is provided for noting by the RACGP only.

We commend the RACGP for undertaking this important update and for engaging stakeholders in shaping the 6th Edition of the Standards. s47(1)(b)

Yours sincerely,

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Encl:

Attachment A: Submission to the consultation on the second draft of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Standards for general practices (6th Edition)

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Attachment C: Supplementary information regarding the department's submission to the current update of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

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Good morning s47F ,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the consultation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the RACGP *Standards for general practices* 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Please see the attached departmental response including:

- Cover letter to the RACGP from the Department
  - o Attachment A: Submission to the consultation on the second draft of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Standards for general practices (6<sup>th</sup> Edition)
  - o s47(1)(b)
  - o Attachment C: Supplementary information regarding the department's submission to the current update of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the department's response, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd be happy to arrange a meeting time that best suits the RACGP to speak with Sam.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to support general practices through the National General Practice Accreditation Scheme and to help ensure safe and quality care for all Australians.

Thanks again,  
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