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From the President

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The Hon Senator Deborah O'Neill
Chair, Senate Select Committee on Health
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Via Email: health.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator O'Neill

Senate Select Committee on Health: Inquiry into health policy, administration and expenditure

I am writing on behalf of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) to provide input into your Committee's Inquiry into health policy, administration and expenditure. The RACP trains, educates and advocates on behalf of more than 14 800 physicians and 6 000 trainee members across Australia and New Zealand.

RACP members have frontline experiences from across the breadth of our health system - from large teaching hospitals in metropolitan centres to remote Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in the Northern Territory. In all these settings you can find physicians and paediatricians providing care.

The attached submission outlines the RACP's response to the Inquiry's terms of reference and includes 12 recommendations relating to integrated care, E-Health, Health Workforce, specialist training and prevention.

We hope that the Committee will carefully consider each of these recommendations. We believe that strategic reforms are urgently needed to ensure Australia's healthcare system delivers quality care and is sustainable.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Soon, Senior Policy Officer on +61 2 9256 9615 or Jason.Soon@racp.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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