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Dear Senators

Migration Amendment (Repairing Medical Transfers) Bill 2019 [Provisions]

I make this submission on behalf of the Council of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) to urge the Australian Parliament to maintain the Independent Health Advice Panel (IHAP) established by the Medevac legislation.

ANZCA's mission is to serve the community by fostering safety and high quality patient care in anaesthesia, perioperative medicine and pain medicine.

We believe that access to healthcare including safe surgery, anaesthesia and pain management is a basic human right and should not be compromised for those seeking asylum.

ANZCA strongly supports the continuation of the current IHAP processes in Australia that have been established to enable this universal access to health care.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with government to strengthen processes to support the important premise of universal access for all, prior to the consideration of any changes to legislative frameworks around this issue.

Yours sincerely

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President