



THE SENATE

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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### **Senate Select Committee on Health – First Interim Report**

The Senate Select committee on Health today tabled its first interim report.

The report is the first of a series with which the committee proposes to report on its findings and conclusions to date. This first report outlines issues brought to light by the committee's work to date, and focuses in depth on three in particular:

- the government's proposed patient co-payments, changes to hospital funding and the abolition of Australian National Preventative Health Agency;
- the government's plan to close the 61 Medicare Locals and establish 30 new Primary Health Networks; and
- the merger of the Organ and Tissue Authority and the National Blood Authority.

As a result of its findings, the committee made eight recommendations.

Since its establishment the committee has conducted 15 public hearings around Australia and received over 100 submissions. The committee would like to thank all who have attended the committee's hearings, hosted site visits, and made submissions.

The committee's final report is due to be tabled on 20 June 2016.

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