

The Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee on the  
***My Health Records Amendment (Strengthening Privacy) Bill 2018***

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Dear Sir or Madam

We write in support of Hepatitis Australia's submission to this Senate Committee's deliberations. Hepatitis Australia is the national peak organisation of the eight State and Territory hepatitis organisations, including Hepatitis NSW.

Hepatitis NSW is an independent, community-based, not-for-profit health promotion charity primarily funded by the NSW Ministry of Health. We provide information, support, referral and advocacy for people affected by viral hepatitis in NSW. We also provide workforce development and education services both to prevent the transmission of viral hepatitis and to improve services for those affected by it.

In particular we support the sections of Hepatitis Australia's submission that state, on page 4:

*"Remove the ability of the My Health Record System Operator to disclose health information in My Health Records to law enforcement agencies and government agencies without an order by a judicial officer or the healthcare recipient's consent;"*  
*and*  
*"Require the System Operator to permanently delete health information stored in the National Repositories System for a person if they have cancelled their registration with the My Health Record system – that is, they have cancelled their My Health Record."*

I confirm that we have had the opportunity to contribute to Hepatitis Australia's submission.

I enclose a copy of that submission with this letter.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer  
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working towards a world free of viral hepatitis