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Dear Mr Kelsey,

Re: Digital Health Strategy Consultation

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide input into the Digital Health Strategy Consultation process.

Procurement and Supply Chain is a key input into Digital Health and provides a strategic lever to enable visibility and interoperability.

The Australian and New Zealand Health Procurement Roundtable (ANZHPR) is comprised of all Australian Public Health System Jurisdictional Chief Executive Officers, Chief Procurement Officers, and a representative from New Zealand.

The ANZHPR aims to support a health system that provides the best quality care, whilst efficiently using the resources it has at its disposal. This is a fine balance, and we seek to do this by ensuring we have visibility of relevant information and maximise our use of technology within and across the system to drive greater efficiencies in delivering safe and quality healthcare. This enables:

- The right product to be at the right location for our health staff;
- Benchmarking\costing to be undertaken to ensure our use of medical products is appropriate;
- We can uniquely identify medical products and locations for use;
- Clinical and non-clinical systems are interoperable;
- Reduce waste; and
- Efficient recall processes.

Core to all of these points is the use of unique identifiers and ensuring we have national leadership to enable digitally interoperable systems based on the use of standards, and a united industry position to enable all stakeholder's clear direction to apply limited resources

wisely. The Agency has been uniquely placed to coordinate this and provides the greatest coverage across the entire industry.

Through a focus on end to end healthcare supply chain visibility, there are significant benefits in patient safety, and also reducing costs. This has been seen in the UK's [scan4safety](#) program.

The ANZHPR supports the continuation of the digital supply chain work undertaken, to enable the investment made to date to be leveraged. The current objectives of the ANZHPR align with the program's focus on the use of unique identifiers, and the standardised product data that supports the identifiers to enable a digitally interoperable healthcare system from manufacturer to consumer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 6444 5200, email william.monaghan@health.wa.gov.au or the ANZHPR's Program Manager, Jo Bowden (03) 9947 3742, email j.bowden@hpv.org.au should you wish further information.

We look forward to continuing working with the Agency.

Kind regards,



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