

Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on Health  
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### Submission to the Senate Select Committee on Health

Dear Madam/Sir

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Health with regards to its inquiry into health policy, administration and expenditure.

The National Health Performance Authority is an independent statutory authority established under the *National Health Reform Act 2011* to publicly report on the performance of public and private hospitals and primary health care organisations.

This submission by the Performance Authority addresses the following terms of reference:

- e. improvements in the provision of health services, including Indigenous health and rural health
- f. the better integration and coordination of Medicare services, including access to general practice, specialist medical practitioners, pharmaceuticals, optometry, diagnostic, dental and allied health services.

The Performance Authority collects, analyses and reports data that may inform these two terms of reference. These data, at hospital and local area level, may be found on our MyHealthyCommunities ([www.myhealthycommunities.gov.au](http://www.myhealthycommunities.gov.au)) and MyHospitals ([www.myhospitals.gov.au](http://www.myhospitals.gov.au)) websites.

Our reports on the performance of public hospitals and primary health care organisations against performance indicators identified in the Council of Australian Governments' Performance and Accountability Framework are also available on these websites. The Performance and Accountability Framework, and further information on the functions of the Performance Authority are available on our corporate website at [www.nhpa.gov.au](http://www.nhpa.gov.au).

Additional data and reports will become available on these websites over the course of this inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information regarding this submission at [diane.watson@nhpa.gov.au](mailto:diane.watson@nhpa.gov.au) or on (02) 9186 9214.

Yours sincerely

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