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Department of Health and Aged Care



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Australian Digital Health Agency

Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
Po Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to provide supplementary information to the joint Department of Health and Aged Care (the Department) and the Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) submission (Submission 12) in relation to the Health Legislation Amendment (Modernising My Health Record - Sharing by Default) Bill 2024.

The Department and the Agency would like to take this opportunity to provide clarifying advice to the Committee as we note that some submissions indicate a misunderstanding of the proposed application of the Bill.

The existing 7-day consumer access delay policy, as referenced in some submissions, is out of scope of the Bill's provisions and is not covered by the *My Health Records Act 2012*. This policy will not change as a result of the passage of this legislation.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide further information if requested to support the Committee in its consideration of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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