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Question:

Have you had any complaints about these regional centres and the quality of the work they do?

Answer:

The quality concerns identified in the Regulation Impact Statement were informed by discussions with the diagnostic imaging sector. These are consistent with the issues underpinning the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Radiologist's and the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association's joint *Diagnostic Imaging Quality Framework Proposal* which outlines a vision for quality diagnostic imaging primarily focused on patient safety.

The Diagnostic Imaging Review (2011) and the Australian National Audit Office report (2014) both raised concerns about quality and safety issues for diagnostic imaging services and recommended regulatory action.