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Dear Mr Humphery

**Re: Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009**

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia to comment on the above Bill.

The College is supportive of the Development of Workforce Australia and notes that the Bill is the legal instrument that allows its establishment.

Currently we are advised that the funding for Workforce Australia is for undergraduate health workforce training, but the legislation is obviously written with the ability of the organisation to expand into PGY1 and PGY2 training and specialist vocational training. Obviously how this is dealt with in the future will be determined through secondary legislation or via operational plans for Workforce Australia.

The central role that Medical Colleges have in vocational training will need to be recognised in any such expansion.

The model of operation for the organisation will also be critical if this is not described in the Bill, but will be critical to the success of the organisation.

The College has no other specific comments on the Bill.

Yours sincerely



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