

To: Committee Secretary,  
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

**Subject:: Submission to the Inquiry into COAG Reforms Relating to Health and Hospitals by Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

Dear Committee Secretary,

I hereby provide my submission to the abovementioned Inquiry. My submission includes my email below dated 16 April, 2010 to the Honorable Lindsay Tanner, Federal Minister for Finance and Deregulation and its attachment. The same email and attachment was also forwarded to all State Premiers and Chief Ministers, State/Territory and Federal Health Ministers, State/Territory and Federal Treasurers and Federal Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The context of the email and attachment was the April 2010 COAG meeting where the National Health and Hospital Network Agreements were finalised. My submission broadly relates to the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry as follows:

*The key outcomes agreed by the Commonwealth Government and five states and two territories at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on 19 April and 20 April 2010 and the process of consultation between the States and Commonwealth prior to these agreements and related matters, including but not limited to: parts (a), (e) and (k).*

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I trust that this information will be of assistance to your deliberations.

Yours Sincerely,

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