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Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

RE: Inquiry into a suitable model for the implementation of the National Injury Insurance Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing consultation for the Inquiry into a suitable model for implementation of the National Injury Insurance Scheme.

As the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is committed to taking informed and principled positions on issues of public health at both state and federal level.

In response to the most recent letter regarding model options for Queensland, we refer to our [previous correspondence](#) and the Queensland Regional Committee's [State Election Position Statement](#).

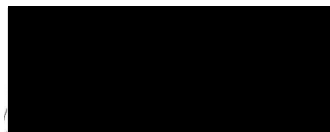
In these documents RACS refers to the Victorian Transport Accident Commission (VTAC) as a recommended model for providing much needed trauma services, funded by an extra levy on the third party insurance component of car registrations. The VTAC is a no fault scheme as such would be reflected in Option A offered in the Treasury Letter.

As this would be a long-term compensation scheme, the College's main concern is the implementation of the scheme and RACS Fellows are perfectly positioned to provide advice in regards to implementation, assessment and care delivery to the patients who come under the benchmarks set for such a scheme.

We look forward to further engagement in the important implementation of this scheme.

On behalf of RACS, we thank you for extending us with the opportunity to provide comment on this important area of public policy.

Yours Sincerely,



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Chair, Queensland State Committee



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