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resources, networking and professional development

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners response to:

**Queensland Parliament, Health Legislation
Amendment Bill 2019**



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Committee Secretary
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic & Family Violence Prevention
Committee
Parliament House
George Street

By email: health@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Queensland Parliament Health
Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) is the national peak
organisation for Nurse Practitioners, advancing nursing practice and consumer
access to health care.

A key focus for the role and scope of practice development for Nurse Practitioners is
on unmet needs within the community and increasing access to health care.

Part 2 – Amendment of Ambulance Services Act 1991

- The ACNP supports collaboration of services.

Part 3 – Amendment of Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011

Strengthening network governance in Queensland's public health system

- The ACNP supports the effective and efficient use of resources as long as access to health
care continues to be improved for all Queenslanders. We do have concerns that no Nursing
Groups were included in the consultation for these changes.

*Strengthening the commitment to health equity for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander
people*

- This should include the importance of cultural safety.
- Equity for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people would be improved through
inclusion and Board representation, which should include an Indigenous Health Practitioner
and Indigenous consumer representative.

Provision of root cause analysis reports to quality assurance committees

- The ACNP support all measures to improve patient safety and the quality of health that
ensures patient confidentiality is considered.

Part 4 – Amendment of Private Health Facilities Act 1999

- The ACNP supports the changes to the prescribed quality assurance requirements.



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Part 5 – Amendment of Public Health Act 2005

- The ACNP supports the prohibiting practice of conversion therapy by health practitioners.
- The ACNP supports changes related to the Pap Smear Register and the water risk management plans.

Part 6 – Amendment of Queensland Mental Health Commission Act 2013

- The ACNP support the proposed changes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this important review. The ACNP is keen to engage and consult on this, and any future relevant reviews.

Yours sincerely

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