



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

Mr Trevor Ruthenberg MP
Chair - Health and Community Services Committee
Parliament House, George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Tuesday, 7 October 2014

Dear Mr Ruthenberg,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is the peak body advancing patient care and quality standards in the clinical radiology and radiation oncology sectors.

RANZCR consists of two faculties – Clinical Radiology and Radiation Oncology – which are responsible for their respective disciplines.

The Faculty of Clinical Radiology is the bi-national body for setting, promoting and continuously improving the standards of training and practice in diagnostic and interventional radiology for the betterment of the people of Australia and New Zealand.

The Faculty of Radiation Oncology is the peak bi-national body advancing patient care and the specialty of radiation oncology through setting of quality standards, producing excellent radiation oncology specialists, and driving research, innovation and collaboration in the treatment of cancer.

The Faculty of Radiation Oncology strongly supports the amendments to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998*. These measures will strengthen existing tobacco laws and further reduce exposure to the effects of smoking, with smoking a significant cause of a range of cancers including head and neck and lung cancer. This is a significant health burden and results in preventable deaths.

The Faculty of Clinical Radiology supports the proposed amendments to the *Radiation Safety Act 1999*, specifically: the renewal of the recently expired Act instruments under Part 7 of the Bill and the insertion of a new Section 50 outlining that no Act instruments may be issued for banned radiation sources.

Further, RANZCR supports the new exemption to the duty of confidentiality to allow sharing of patient information with non-government service providers as it would assist in the seamless delivery of care for patients.

Please contact Kate Scott-Murphy, Senior Advocacy Officer, on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you would like any further information on RANZCR.

Yours sincerely,

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