

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM; the College) welcomes the opportunity to participate in the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022* (the Bill) review process by providing this submission to the Health and Environment Committee Parliamentary Committee.

ACEM is the peak body for emergency medicine in Australia and New Zealand and has a vital interest in ensuring the highest standards of emergency medical care for all patients. ACEM is responsible for ensuring the advancement of emergency medicine in Emergency Departments (EDs) across Australia and New Zealand, as well as the training of emergency physicians in these regions.

ACEM is supportive of the Bill's proposed changes, ACEM believes that the amendments will strengthen public confidence in the Queensland healthcare system via improved responsiveness and clarity to the National Scheme. The amendments also provide clarity for practitioners about their responsibilities under the National Scheme in Queensland.

ACEM provides the following recommendations:

1. Cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

ACEM strongly supports the amendments in the Bill to make it an explicit objective of the National Scheme to build the capacity of the Australian health workforce to provide culturally safe health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. ACEM notes that there is no clear definition of cultural safety in the Bill or the explanatory notes.

Recommendations

1. A definition of cultural safety be added to the Bill or the explanatory notes

For more information

ACEM would like to thank the Health and Environment Committee Parliamentary for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*. Should you require clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jesse Dean, General Manager Policy and Regional Engagement (e: [REDACTED]; m: [REDACTED])

Yours sincerely

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