

# Queensland Legislative Assembly Health and Environment Committee Inquiry

Submission into the provision of: Primary and allied health care; the private health care system

To The Committee Secretary  
Health Environment Committee  
Parliament House

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this Submission as an active clinician, health reform advocate, and academic member of every federal Primary Care Reform Steering Committee or taskforce since 2010.

The Committee is right to investigate the malalignment of our current health care system with contemporary community need, and explore much more appropriate system integration between the largely state-funded acute care system, and the primarily Commonwealth and user-pays funded primary care system. The impact of the lack of articulation between both systems has been a long-running and fundamental weakness in our otherwise world-class health care system, and has been highlighted repeatedly by Aged Care and Mental Health Commissions, recent Productivity and Commonwealth reform reviews, and National Health Reform Agreements themselves.

Given the shortness of time to prepare submissions, I have highlighted a small number of papers which may inform the Committee, and provide a trigger for discussion and debate.

I am happy to provide further depth if of use post-Christmas.

Yours faithfully



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MRI-UQ Centre for Health System Reform and Integration (CHSRI)

The MRI-UQ Centre for Health System Reform and Integration (CHSRI) brings together and develops the work of two Centres for Research Excellence; one on primary and secondary care integration, and the other on primary care quality, capacity building and governance. The Centre partners to research, evaluate and train in emerging areas of health system reform

Our Work:

Innovative Models of care

- PCAM ('Beacon')
- Health Care Home

Co-Creation Methodology

Integrated Governance

Alliances

Evidence into Policy & Practice



Scope of activity

- Investigating and evaluating Primary Care Reform.
- Developing and applying evidence to support primary care capacity building through training and quality improvement (PC-PIT) ,
- Research, evaluation, and implementation of evidence into practice
- Strategic facilitation and policy development supporting health system reform
- Service innovation and sustainability
- National and international research and policy partnership

Key focus areas

- Integrated health system governance
- Co-creation methodology
- Innovative models of care such as Primary Care Amplification Model (PCAM) Beacon model, GPs with Special Interests (GPwSI), and Health Care Home
- Continuing and building international partnerships and networks

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