

## Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2025

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Dear Ms Jones

**Re: Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2025**

The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the *Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2025*.

ACRRM's vision is Healthy rural, remote and First Nations communities through excellence, social accountability and innovation. ACRRM has more than 6500 members including some 1200 registrars, who live and work in rural, remote, and First Nations communities across Australia. Our members provide expert frontline medical care in a diverse range of settings including general practices, hospitals, emergency departments, Aboriginal Medical Services, and other remote settings.

With reference to the proposed amendments to the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*, *Health and Wellbeing Queensland Act 2019*, and *Hospital Foundation Act 2018*, ACRRM is advocating that board appointments should consider and select committee members from rural, regional, and remote locations to improve non-metropolitan representation on Government boards.

Furthermore, rural, regional, and remote members should be considered for metropolitan boards.

ACRRM is supportive of improving the prospects for lifesaving organ donations to be improved through the proposed amendments to the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979*. Such changes will benefit more Australians needing a transplant.

The College looks forward to the Committee's consideration of the Bill and the finalisation and publication of the report.

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