

## Public Submission Cover Sheet

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### Submission Guidance

**You are encouraged to address the following question:**

**In the context of the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference listed below, what is needed to develop a more sustainable, patient centred health system in WA?**

- Leveraging existing investment in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary healthcare, as well as new initiatives to improve patient centred service delivery, pathways and transition;
- The mix of services provided across the system, including gaps in service provision, sub-acute, step-down, community and other out-of-hospital services across WA to deliver care in the most appropriate setting and to maximise health outcomes and value to the public;
- Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, the use of new technology, research and data to support patient centred care and improved performance;
- Opportunities to drive partnerships across sectors and all levels of government to reduce duplication and to deliver integrated and coordinated care;
- Ways to drive improvements in safety and quality for patients, value and financial sustainability, including cost drivers, allocative and technical efficiencies;
- The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;
- Any further opportunities concerning patient centred service delivery and the sustainability of the WA health system.

### Submissions Response Field

*Please type your response into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submissions as a separate attachment (Suggested Maximum 5 pages).*

My concern is regarding hospital services to the Peel Region. This is one of the fastest growing communities in Australia. It also has a high proportion of elderly and nursing home patients as well as many ethnically diverse and less privileged citizens.

Whilst all other hospitals in the metro area have been extensively upgraded in recent years, Peel Health Campus (PHC) has not been significantly expanded since its construction 20 years ago and barely rated a mention in the Reid review. During that time the population it serves has trebled. The staff who work at the hospital are mostly local and love to work in their community, but the resources of the hospital are stretched beyond capacity.

As a clinician [REDACTED] I see the extreme stress the hospital infrastructure is under on a daily basis, with patients waiting sometimes days for a bed. This is unacceptable and very distressing to both patients and staff.

The cheapest, most sustainable and humane way to treat people unfortunate enough to need hospital admission is in their local community hospital, not by transferring them to expensive tertiary centres utilising overstretched ambulance resources. PHC has consistently demonstrated over the years that, given adequate resources and beds, we can provide for the health needs of our community in a far more cost efficient and sustainable manner than the bigger Perth hospitals in a location that is close to their support, family and friends.

I would strongly urge the committee to consider a hospital expansion in the Peel Region. In particular we need more medical beds, a high dependency area and a redevelopment / enlargement of the emergency department. Allowing construction of a private hospital near or attached to the current public hospital would also increase cost effectiveness and sustainability by allowing patients with private insurance to exercise their choice to be admitted privately and take some pressure off the public system.

Allowing a local community hospital to expand to meet the needs of its own community and develop partnerships with local health providers (GP's, RACF's etc) is the most cost effective, patient centred and sustainable way to deliver hospital care.

Thank You

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