

## Public Submission Cover Sheet

Please complete this sheet and submit with any attachments to the Sustainable Health Review Secretariat

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- I do not want my submission published
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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).***

#### PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

1. Stop accepting non urgent cases at hospital emergency services. Send non urgent presentations to a GP.
2. Maximise the use of low cost community hospitals.
3. Don't conduct expensive testing and treatments especially with elderly patients, unless they are absolutely necessary.
4. When a patient has a terminal condition, focus on palliative care rather than resorting to extreme clinical measures which are only likely to extend life for short periods.
5. Build recovery hotels or extend community hospitals to get patients out of high cost tertiary facilities.
6. Train health department project managers in project management techniques to ensure that major health facilities are delivered safely, to specified quality standards and on time.
7. There are independent international organisations available which will assess and report on the adequacy of each stage of development of major capital projects. Don't authorise release of funding for the next stage of a project until satisfactory development and risk assessment has been completed for the preceding stages.
8. Find the jobs within the bureaucracy that really don't need doing and retrench people doing them.
9. Improve communication practices within all levels of management especially in respect of non-clinical matters.
10. Keep all written communications concise. Demand brevity. Demand clarity