

RURAL AND REMOTE

HEALTH WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND REFORM STRATEGY

INVITATION TO CONSULTATION SESSIONS

Health Workforce Australia (HWA) invites you or a representative from your organisation to attend the **Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategy** consultation workshops.

The Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation and Reform (RRHWIR) Strategy aims to provide national guidance on future needs, reforms and initiatives to improve the health care services of those in rural and remote communities.

The RRHWIR Strategy will be a complementary document to Health Workforce Australia's National Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework for Action and the National Training Plan. It will seek to promote better utilisation of existing workforce, support optimal use of skills and workforce adaptability and build workforce capacity for responding and adapting to changing demands in rural and remote communities.

The development of the RRHWIR Strategy will be informed by an extensive consultation process with stakeholders from the health and education sectors; including:

- higher education and training providers
- public and non government health and aged care providers
- professional and regulatory bodies
- representative groups of consumers, carers and service providers
- jurisdictional officials
- health workforce policy, planning and research officers.

The following pages provide a schedule of consultation events and locations.

Registrations

To participate in a consultation session, please **register online** via the HWA website at www.hwa.gov.au/wir/ruralandremote or complete the **attached registration form** and return by fax or email to:

08 8212 3841 or ruralandremote@hwa.gov.au.

A workshop agenda and Draft Background Paper will be circulated to registrants prior to the consultation sessions and available from the HWA website from 29 August 2011.

We also encourage you to circulate this invitation to appropriate colleagues and networks on our behalf.

Written submissions

There will also be an opportunity to send feedback to HWA via written submission. The closing date for written submissions is **Friday 28 October 2011**.

To complete your submission please download the Submission Template from the HWA website www.hwa.gov.au/wir/ruralandremote and email it to ruralandremote@hwa.gov.au or print and send to HWA at:

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ABOUT HWA

HWA was established in 2010 in response to the Council of Australian Government's (COAG) National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform (2008) that acknowledged Australia needed

“a new single body working to Health Ministers that can operate across both the health and education sectors and jurisdictional responsibilities in health is critical for devising solutions that effectively integrate workforce planning, policy and reform with the necessary and complementary reforms to education and training”.¹

For more information on HWA please visit our website: www.hwa.gov.au

¹ COAG (2008) *National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform*. Schedule B p.16

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CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Venue	Time
Tuesday 6 September	Adelaide	Stamford Plaza Hotel, 150 North Terrace	1000-1600
Wednesday 7 September	Port Augusta	Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Cnr Eyre and Stuart Highways	1000-1600
Thursday 8 September	Canberra	Hyatt Hotel Canberra, Commonwealth Avenue	1000-1600
Monday 12 September	Warrnambool	The Sebel Deep Blue, 16 Pertobe Road	1000-1600
Wednesday 14 September	Albury-Wodonga	Quality Resort Siesta, 416 Wagga Road, Albury	1000-1600
Thursday 15 September	Melbourne	Hilton on the Park, 192 Wellington Parade	1000-1600
Monday 19 September	Weipa	Weipa Conference Centre	1000-1600
Wednesday 21 September	Mackay	Clarion Hotel Mackay Marina, Mulherin Drive	1000-1600
Thursday 22 September	Brisbane	The Sebel, 95 Charlotte Street	1000-1600
Monday 26 September	Hobart	Henry Jones Art Hotel, 25 Hunter Street	1000-1600
Wednesday 28 September	Launceston	Mercure, 3 Earl Street	1000-1600

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Thursday 29 September	Sydney	Quay Grand Suites, 61 Macquarie Street	1000-1600
Friday 30 September	Dubbo	Cascades Motor Inn, 147 Cobra Street	1000-1600
Monday 10 October	Katherine	All Seasons, Stuart Highway	1000-1600
Wednesday 12 October	Darwin	Mantra Pandanas, 43 Knuckey Street	1000-1600
Friday 14 October	Alice Springs	Alice Springs Convention Centre, 93 Barrett Drive	1000-1600
Monday 17 October	Kalgoorlie	Quality Inn Railway, 51 Forrest Street	1000-1600
Tuesday 18 October	Perth	Crowne Plaza, 54 Terrace Road	1000-1600
Thursday 20 October	Geraldton	Ocean Centre Hotel, Cnr Foreshore Drive and Cathedral Avenue	1000-1600