

Submission to the National Commission of Audit

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Recognising that submissions have closed, I trust the Commissioners recognise that AHPRA, the national health regulator is an experiment that has failed. Fees have risen markedly under the nationalisation program, accountability and transparency have decreased, and the lack of limitation of duration of appointments to the Board is a significant governance issue.

New South Wales and Queensland no longer part of the national scheme for regulation for doctors, and Western Australia does not fully apply the national model. In particular, the doctors health programs have been undermined and mandatory reporting has destabilised the industry.

A review in Victoria is currently questioning the role of AHPRA in serving the Victorian public, submissions to which can be explored through

http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/component/search/?searchword=ahpra&ordering=&searchphrase=all&pdf_category=&doc_category=&committee_id=&committee_type=§ionid=&catid=&calendar=&sdate=&edate=.

Registration can be national under the previous arrangements; regulation is less protective of the public through AHPRA....a further issue is the need for overhaul of the complaints processes in all aspects of healthcare, which would also produce efficiencies and better outcomes for patients and the profession. That, however, is an extensive body of work that would be based in part on the Forrester investigation of the Queensland Medical Board.

I trust this submission is of assistance to the Commissioners.

Regards

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