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By email to: submissions.ihpa@ihpa.gov.au

Dear Mr Downie

Re: The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) Work Program 2016-17 public consultation

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback into the public consultation on the draft *IHPA Work Program 2016-17* (the IHPA Work Program).

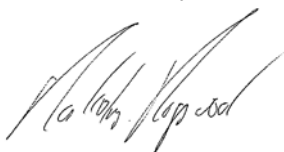
The RANZCP notes the broad range of items on the IHPA Work Program, including the development of the *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2017-18*, determination of the National Efficient Price (NEP) for public health services and Activity Based Fund (ABF) classification system development and revision.

The RANZCP is particularly interested in engaging with IHPA in terms of the development of the Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC), which will be used for pricing mental health care from 2017-18. As part of this, we appreciate IHPA's ongoing participation in the RANZCP's AMHCC Child and Adolescent Working Group. We also look forward to working with the IHPA to develop specific NEPs for mental health based on care type.

The RANZCP is also looking forward to working with the IHPA to further discuss the needs of consultation-liaison psychiatrists under the ABF and AMHCC systems.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the letter, please contact Ms Rosie Forster, Senior Manager, Practice, Policy and Partnerships via rosie.forster@ranzcp.org or by phone on (03) 9601 4943.

Yours sincerely



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