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Dear Mr Downie

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) 'Work Program and Corporate Plan 2022–23'.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant role performed by IHPA and reiterate the Department of Health's continued willingness to work with IHPA to achieve the best possible funding outcomes to ensure Queenslanders continue to receive world class healthcare. Most notably, the impact the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had on models of care and service delivery is significant. Such changes must be adequately accounted for in the national pricing model and consideration made of the long-term impacts yet to be experienced.

The 'Work Program and Corporate Plan 2022–23' identifies activities and initiatives to which IHPA has previously received feedback via Ministerial correspondence, or through various IHPA working groups with Queensland Health representatives. The ongoing jurisdictional participation required to work with IHPA on initiatives is at times extremely taxing and I ask that IHPA take this into consideration particularly with the release of multiple policy documents requiring feedback over a short period of time.

Should you require further information, the Department of Health's contact is Ms Liz Lea, Director, Funding and Costing on (07) 3708 5914 or [Liz.Lea@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Liz.Lea@health.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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