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To whom it may concern

Re: The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) Work Program 2015-16 public consultation

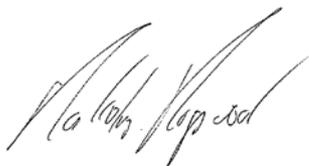
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback into the public consultation IHPA Work Program 2015-16. The RANZCP is a membership organisation that prepares doctors to be medical specialists in the field of psychiatry, supports and enhances clinical practice, advocates for people affected by mental illness and advises governments on mental health care. The RANZCP is the peak body representing psychiatrists in Australian and New Zealand, with strong ties in the Asia Pacific.

The RANZCP has no specific comments to make on the Work Program itself but continues to have an ongoing interest in the work of the IHPA, and continues to have some concerns, as expressed in previous submissions, about the Pricing Framework in respect of its applicability to mental health, the development of the Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC), and costings for clinical trials.

The RANZCP notes with interest that the IHPA plans to issue a consultation paper on the *Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2016-17* in June 2015 and will progress work to price mental health care as part of the development of the Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC) by December 2015. The RANZCP wishes to remain fully engaged with this process and would welcome the opportunity to provide further comment on these topics at the appropriate point.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the submission, please contact 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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