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Dear Mr Downie

**Re: The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) Work Program 2017-18 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 2017-18* (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 2018-19*, 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 regards to the ongoing development of the Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC) and have appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the development of the child and adolescent aspects of the AMHCC to date.

We note that the IHPA Work Program states that IHPA will now be commencing development of Version 2 of the AMHCC, including working on incorporating clinical complexity and comorbidities into the AMHCC and looking at options for refining the older persons' mental health branch of the AMHCC. The RANZCP would welcome the opportunity to also provide input into these elements of the AMHCC at the appropriate time.

While the issues raised by consultation-liaison psychiatrists following our meetings with IHPA in August 2016 and March 2017 are not currently mentioned in the IHPA Work Program, we look forward to working with IHPA to further develop the ABF and AMHCC systems to measure and count the work of consultation-liaison psychiatrists and for this to be mentioned in future IHPA work programs.

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

Yours sincerely



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