

HPAC Forum Welcomes the Final Report on the Independent Review of Complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS)

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Yesterday marked the release of the Final Report of the Independent Review of Complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS), led by Ms Sue Dawson. Titled *Transforming Health Professions Regulation in Australia*, the report outlines four overarching directions supported by 26 recommended actions.

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative (HPAC) Forum acknowledges this important milestone and welcomes the release of the full report. We commend the significant work undertaken by Ms Dawson since her appointment as Independent Reviewer in 2024.

HPAC Forum Chair, Dr Terry Crisp, affirmed the Forum's readiness to respond to the report's recommendations and its commitment to working collaboratively with stakeholders.

"As a coalition of the authorities responsible for accreditation functions under NRAS, the Forum brings critical expertise and leadership to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of accreditation and assessment processes," Dr Crisp said.

"Our collaborative approach across health professions underpins our commitment to delivering clinically and culturally safe, evidence-based healthcare for all Australians."

Dr Crisp particularly welcomed the report's emphasis on collaboration, especially the recommendation to establish a more formal relationship between the HPAC Forum and the Independent Accreditation Committee (IAC).

"The Forum has been represented on the IAC through our Chair and Deputy Chair since the IACs inception in 2021. We look forward to a strengthening of our partnership with the IAC and advancing our shared commitment to improving the transparency and quality of accreditation and assessment processes. This will benefit Australia's health workforce and, ultimately, the public who rely on our health system."

The HPAC Forum is dedicated to working with key stakeholders to progress the recommended reforms. We recognise that Australia's health system, and the expectations of the public, are evolving. Delivering flexible, responsive, and sustainable solutions is essential, and we are committed to playing our part in ensuring NRAS remains fit for purpose, both now and into the future.