

## AMA Queensland Submission

### Queensland Health Draft Reform Strategy

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Queensland Health's Draft Reform Strategy (the 'Strategy'). Again, we also acknowledge the Reform Office's genuine engagement during the consultation process to date.

AMA Queensland welcomes the Strategy's Reform Focus Areas, particularly that our health system will 'enable seamless integration between care settings, including aged care, disability services, and mental health and wellbeing services' by 2032. The Strategy also identifies key enablers for which AMA Queensland has advocated greater investment for years, such as our health workforce, authentic partnerships and digital health technology improvements.

There are, however, some crucial omissions from the Strategy (which we touched on in our discussions) that should be included so it can deliver its vision of 'a dynamic and responsive health system where our workforce is valued and empowered to provide world-class healthcare to all Queenslanders'. Set out below are some key gaps that we are committed to working with the Reform Office on to ensure they are represented/considered in the strategy.

- General practice is central to our people living longer, healthier lives by delivering preventative and early intervention health care in the community where people live. This also reduces the burden on our public hospital system. For too long, however, general practice has been denied adequate representation within Queensland Health and must receive greater emphasis in the Strategy, particularly under the major theme 'Partnerships'.

Increased numbers and utilisation of General Practice Liaison Officers within the Department is urgently needed in addition to ongoing collaboration with Primary Health Networks. The realisation of a fully integrated primary and tertiary care system will not be achieved without greater general practice representation directly within Queensland Health at all levels.

- Aged and disability care also needs a stronger focus in the Strategy. The continuing failure to integrate these services with our hospitals and other health services is a leading cause of bed block and poorer outcomes for all patients.
- We are pleased to see the emphasis on digital technologies in the Strategy and urge Queensland Health to invest and implement these projects urgently. The Strategy's aim of seamless integration across health settings, especially between primary and tertiary care, is completely dependent on the integration of currently siloed digital health systems.

As stated, AMA Queensland looks forward to working with the Reform Office to achieve the Strategy's 2032 vision and are happy to meet to discuss these issues further.