

## Public Submission Cover Sheet

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Submission Guidance
<p><b>You are encouraged to address the following question:</b></p> <p><b>In the context of the Sustainable Health Review Terms of Reference listed below, what is needed to develop a more sustainable, patient centred health system in WA?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leveraging existing investment in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary healthcare, as well as new initiatives to improve patient centred service delivery, pathways and transition;</li> <li>• The mix of services provided across the system, including gaps in service provision, sub-acute, step-down, community and other out-of-hospital services across WA to deliver care in the most appropriate setting and to maximise health outcomes and value to the public;</li> <li>• Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, the use of new technology, research and data to support patient centred care and improved performance;</li> <li>• Opportunities to drive partnerships across sectors and all levels of government to reduce duplication and to deliver integrated and coordinated care;</li> <li>• Ways to drive improvements in safety and quality for patients, value and financial sustainability, including cost drivers, allocative and technical efficiencies;</li> <li>• The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;</li> <li>• Any further opportunities concerning patient centred service delivery and the sustainability of the WA health system.</li> </ul>

### Submissions Response Field

*Please type your response into the field below. Alternatively you may provide your submissions as a separate attachment (Suggested Maximum 5 pages).*

To improve existing services for childbearing women the Australian College of Midwives WA Branch recommends expanding and implementing more continuity of midwifery care models. Recent data has demonstrated a decrease in Caesarean section rates, epidural rates, episiotomies and length of stay; and an increase in maternal satisfaction (98%), breastfeeding rates (98%) and a high satisfaction rates (98%) of midwives working within MGP. Comparison of the MGP data to the WA birthing population report (2012) revealed there was no difference in adverse outcomes between MGP and the WA birthing population.

The Australian College of Midwives WA Branch recommends that the directive to Health Services to allow endorsed midwives to have admitting rights to WA maternity hospitals is enforced to address gaps in service provision and promote more choices in maternity care for Western Australian women.