

Public Submission Cover Sheet

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Submission Guidance

You are encouraged to address the following question:

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?

- Leveraging existing investment in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary healthcare, as well as new initiatives to improve patient centred service delivery, pathways and transition;
- 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;
- Ways to encourage and drive digital innovation, the use of new technology, research and data to support patient centred care and improved performance;
- Opportunities to drive partnerships across sectors and all levels of government to reduce duplication and to deliver integrated and coordinated care;
- Ways to drive improvements in safety and quality for patients, value and financial sustainability, including cost drivers, allocative and technical efficiencies;
- The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;
- Any further opportunities concerning patient centred service delivery and the sustainability of the WA health system.

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).

Good health can only be sustained by maintaining a healthy environment in which to live!

No amount of service improvements and efficiencies can counter the enormous damage being done to our health by the steady and accelerating degradation of our environment.

As Citizens' Climate Lobby's focus is on climate change I will limit my comments to the effects of climate change. DEA has prepared a two-page [fact sheet](#) which summarises the challenge

- Extreme heat
- Bushfires
- Floods and Storm Surges
- Cyclones
- Food and Nutrition
- Infectious diseases
- Air pollution from burning fossil fuels – 3000 deaths/year in Australia
- Allergies
- Mental Health

We are at the early stages of climate change and significantly more warming is already locked into the climate system. These challenges to our health system will accelerate for some years, probably decades beyond the point where the planet starts to cool again.

The term of reference most relevant is:

- The key enablers of new efficiencies and change, including, research, productivity, teaching and training, culture, leadership development, procurement and improved performance monitoring;

In order to meet the challenge our Health system needs to

- Provide leadership (from Minister and DG down) that acknowledges the climate threat to community health and energetically embraces the challenge to meet it
- Develop a culture that recognises the accelerating climate threat and the need to adapt to it, to minimise its effects and to find solutions
- Research ways of preparing for the accelerating morbidity and consequent demands on the system
- Implement a process of constantly finding ways to reduce carbon emissions, procure supplies with lowest possible carbon footprints, increase energy efficiency
- Provide training that enables all staff to understand the threat and to recognise their role in meeting and mitigating it