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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>



# SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Sustainable Health Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission to the Sustainable Health Review. The Shire of Jerramungup presents the following matters for consideration to develop a more sustainable and patient centred health system in WA:

- 1) The existing Nursing Posts in Jerramungup and Bremer Bay provide a sound model of basic community health care. When partnered with reliable and effective General Practitioners it has demonstrated that overnight facilities are not essential providing there is effective on-call support available in case of emergencies.
- 2) That said there is a lack of readily available information when no after-hours support is forecast and in general there is a lack of reliability of on-call assistance in the case of emergency. Accordingly this impacts patients and shifts the burden of primary care to St John Ambulance volunteers. This has burnt out local volunteers and causes significant concern amongst the community, particularly parents with young children and older generations.
- 3) The Shire funded GP has been utilised as an on-call resource for many years in Jerramungup. This however has been accessed without any recompense and has impacted on what otherwise is an effective relationship between the GP and WACHS staff. The Shire is of the opinion that if the GP is providing an on-call service which would otherwise need to be met by WACHS then they should be recompensed accordingly. This will provide a more sustainable model of after-hours support and generally increase the chance of long term GP retention.
- 4) The Shire supports the timely replacement and renewal of medical centres which have reached the end of their effective life. This will allow modernisation of medical centres and implementation of newer, more efficient and patient orientated technologies to broaden the scope and depth of services available to patients. Telehealth has proved to be an effective asset in rural communities however the facilities need to be suitable for the installations to best meet the needs of patients.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer  
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