

## Outcome statement of the Stakeholder Reference Forum

December 18 2008

### **NEHTA four-year work plan**

Chief Executive Peter Fleming advised members that at the COAG meeting on Saturday November 29, Australian Governments had provided a further \$218 million funding for NEHTA to continue with the existing work program. This would deliver foundation projects as well as key initiatives in medications, pathology, discharge and referral. The work program would be aligned with the National E-Health Strategy.

Peter Fleming said the business would deliver on a collaborative approach to implementation with the aim of improving clinical outcomes and removing duplication across the system.

### **Creation of reference groups**

NEHTA proposes to create advisory reference groups for each of the funded work program areas.

Proposed groups are:

- Continuity of care (includes discharge summaries and e-referral)
- Medication management
- Diagnostic Services
- Provider and consumer identification, authentication and access control
- Clinical Terminology
- Technical

Membership of the groups would represent:

- Jurisdictional
- Clinical
- Consumer
- Industry
- Private health
- Technical
- NEHTA

Desired expertise within the reference groups would include public and private clinical; policy and privacy; technical and solution; program management and implementation.

NEHTA suggested that terms of reference of the groups would include advising on business requirements, a concept of operations, policy issues, dependencies and risks, opportunities for implementation.

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Nominations from SRF members for either co-chair or membership of reference groups were called by January 7, 2009.

**2009 SRF meeting dates:**

March 18 2009

July 22 2009

November 18 2009

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