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Hon Meredith Hammat MLA
Minister for Health and Mental Health
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By email to: Minister.Hammat@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Re: Meeting with the WA Branch, 17 July 2025

Thank you for meeting with us last week to discuss the ADHD care reform and workforce priorities for the WA Branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP).

The RANZCP and the Department have committed to working together to find sustainable pathways for the WA psychiatry workforce through the Statement of Intent. The WA Branch values our constructive relationships with the State Government and the Department of Health, and we look forward to our close collaboration

We take this opportunity to also reiterate that we would work with the Department of Health on improving access to ADHD diagnosis and medication while ensuring the safety and quality of service to the community. Close engagement with the Branch in the roll-out of the GP trial to diagnose and prescribe stimulants will ensure that clinical standards and safety are upheld while meeting community expectations for improved access to care and high-quality service.

The Branch has specifically made the following proposals that alleviate risks in the trial of the GP model of care:

- Lifting the age of participants who can receive a diagnosis of ADHD and stimulant prescription from their GP, in consultation with the RANZCP and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.
- Timely review of diagnosis and prescribed dosage by a non-GP specialist following the GP diagnostic assessment.
- Better research into stimulant-induced psychosis, and improved reporting and monitoring through the Medicine and Poisons Regulation Branch of the Department of Health.

As you are aware, the public mental health sector currently provides only very limited ADHD services for children and adolescents, and no services for adults. Community mental health services, both adult and child and adolescent, may face increased referrals and contact for support in diagnosis and management of complex ADHD cases when these changes are implemented.

Our 2025-2026 Budget submission proposal to fund a neuropsychiatric liaison service that lifts ADHD capacity across the care sectors, including primary care, is a cost-effective and innovative solution to meeting this demand in the short to medium term.

In the longer term, however, strengthening the state's psychiatric workforce will be required to achieve the system transformation in mental healthcare, and provide adequate treatment, care and support to the rising number of people with complex presentations and multiple unmet needs.

We thank you and your staff again for taking the time to meet with the Branch. We are always happy to provide information drawing on evidence and expertise of our members as specialists in complex mental health. For anything you require, please do not hesitate to contact the Branch Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Dr Jasmina Brankovich, at jasmina.brankovich@ranzcp.org.

Yours sincerely



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