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To the Program Manager

RE. HCQ Letter of Support - *Application 2042767 "Working to the TOP-of-Scope of Registered Nurses Practice to Enhance Community Access to Essential MEDicines (TOP-MED study)," led by Associate Professor Amanda Fox.*

Health Consumers Queensland is the peak organisation representing the interests of health consumers and carers in the state. Health Consumers Queensland is a not-for-profit organisation and a registered health promotion charity, and we believe in improving health outcomes for people in Queensland. Our ABN is 66 165 711 919.

Our priority focus is meaningful consumer engagement to improve and influence health services and systems. We achieve this through amplifying the diverse voices of health consumers Queensland-wide, regular engagement with consumer representatives in our network, tailored training and skills development programs, health sector partnerships and provision of strategic advice, specialised engagement and maximising opportunities for consumer representation at all levels of the health system.

This research project aims to improve access to medicines, generate learnings, data and evidence regarding medicines prescribing, the most common health intervention provided globally, (Aitken & Kleinrock, 2020) and in conjunction with designated Registered Nurse (RN) proscribing.

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Five projects will be undertaken over a two-year period, detailed below.

Project 1 Understanding consumer preferences for prescribing using Discrete Choice Experiment.

Project 2 Co-design a tailored implementation and evaluation strategy suitable for various health care contexts.

Projects 3 and 4 will evaluate the feasibility of using the model developed in project 2 to implement designated RN prescribing, measuring outcomes before and after the introduction using the Quintuple Aim Framework, specifically patient experience, patient outcomes, costs, clinician well-being and health equity (Itchhaporia, 2021).

Project 5 is a discrete health economics research project to examine the cost-benefit of the introduction of Designated RN prescribing.

Health Consumers Queensland will provide guidance to support meaningful partnering for consultations, co-design workshops, and dissemination of project findings throughout the project lifecycle to support the partnering relationship (in-kind support for the Project over 2 years).

The project seeks impactful outcomes by addressing the care experiences for consumers and the unique needs of Queensland communities, clinician wellbeing, and support the optimisation of the overall healthcare system through an evidence-based designated RN prescribing model.

Health Consumers Queensland consents to be identified as a partner in successful applications in media releases, on the NHMRC website. HCQ will work closely with the project

team and other partner organisations to facilitate the recruitment and engagement of consumers throughout the five project stages. HCQ will provide guidance to support meaningful partnering for consultations, co-design workshops, and dissemination of project findings throughout the project lifecycle to support the partnering relationship. Additionally, a HCQ staff member is sought to be an investigator on the project team throughout its lifecycle.

At the heart of Health Consumers Queensland is the belief that consumers should be involved at every level of the health system planning, provision, reform and research. Our organisation aims to support consumers and health providers to collaborate to improve the safety and quality of health services.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer
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