



Australian Health Care Summit 2003

PARTNERING ORGANISATIONS

Australian College of Midwives
Australian Consumers' Association
Australian Council of Social Service
Australian Health Promotion Association
Australian Healthcare Association
Australian Medical Association
Australian Nursing Federation
Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation
Catholic Health Australia
Centre for Clinical Governance Research in Health
Centre for Health Program Evaluation
Children's Hospitals Association of Australasia
Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools
Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges

Doctors' Reform Society of Australia
Effective Health Care Network
Health Issues Centre
Health Professional Council of Australia
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
National Council on Intellectual Disability
National Public Hospitals Clinicians' Taskforce
National Rural Health Alliance
NSW Nurses' Association
Public Health Association of Australia
Royal Australasian College of Physicians
Rural Doctors Association
Women's Hospitals Association of Australasia



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- Summit not a conference
- Delegates all invited
- All expected to add value
- Purpose is to produce policy
- Issue in form of a communique
- Professionalism not politics all important



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FORMAT

- Plenary sessions
- Workshops
- Rapporteurs reports
- Discussion
- Add policies to “shopping basket”



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GENESIS OF SUMMIT

- Collapse of AHCA reform agenda
- Medicare under threat
- Ideological divide appearing
- Health system increasingly dysfunctional
- Canberra/States divide major barrier to reform
- Health promotion v's health care



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THE OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE BLUE PRINT FOR A BETTER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR AUSTRALIANS

The following principles and policies were derived from in-depth discussions with 260 informed delegates from a broad range of health organisations. Clinicians, health administrators, economists, politicians and consumers contributed to the development of these conclusions, which represent the majority view.

Our policies for modernising our national health care system will be presented to our political leaders and be published on our website (www.healthsummit.org.au). Contained herein is a suggested mechanism for further development and implementation of the suggested changes using a new collaborative, collegial and bipartisan instrument – a National Health Care Reform Council.



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What principles do Australians wish to have underpin their national health system?

- ◆ Universal access in a timely fashion for all Australians to the same high quality service. That access should, in no way, be restricted by an individuals personal financial circumstances.
 - ◆ Equity of outcome
 - ◆ Recognition that health care is a social justice issue and a prime determinant of happiness and well being.
 - ◆ The application of the highest standards of ethics in the allocation of communal resources (tax dollars) for the provision of health.
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