2

The Department may, at its discretion, publish part or all of the information provided in your submission on the Department's website or in related documents. If information from your submission is published, the Department may identify you and/or your organisation as the author of the submission. All personal contact details will be removed prior to publishing.

Yes, I consent to my identified submission being published

3

What is your name?

Alison Pearce

7

Please select the type of individual(s) or organisation(s) you represent. Please select all that apply. - Selected Choice

University or research sector

8.1

What is the name of your organisation? - My organisation is called: - Text

Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand

9

Are you making feedback on behalf or your organisation?

Your organisation

13

Please select which chapter/s you would like to provide feedback on. You may provide feedback on as many or few chapters as you wish.

1. Transparency, communication, and stakeholder involvement in HTA,2. Health technology funding and assessment pathways,3. Methods for HTA for Australian government subsidy (technical methods),4. Health technology funding and purchasing approaches and managing uncertainty,5. Futureproofing Australia's systems and processes

14

Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 1. Transparency, communication and stakeholder involvement in HTA

1.1. Transparency and communication of HTA pathways, processes and decisions,1.2. Consumer, clinician and other stakeholder engagement and consideration in HTA,1.4. State and territory government collaboration in HTA

15

Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 2. Health technology funding and assessment pathways

2.1. Streamlining and aligning HTA pathways and advisory committees,2.2. Proportionate appraisal pathways

16

Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 3. Methods for HTA for Australian government subsidy (technical methods)

3.1. Determination of the Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome,3.2. Clinical Evaluation Methods,3.3. Economic evaluation

17

Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 4. Health Technology funding and purchasing mechanisms and decisions

4.1. Approaches to funding or purchasing new health technologies,4.3. Understanding the performance of health technologies in practice

18

Please select the topics within the chapter(s) you would like to provide feedback on. 5. Futureproofing our systems and processes

5.1. Proactively addressing areas of unmet clinical need and gaps in the PBS,5.2. Establishment of horizon scanning programs to address specific informational needs within HTA and the health system,5.3. Consideration of environmental impacts in the HTA,5.4. Mechanisms for continuous review and improvement,5.5. Capacity and capability of the HTA system,5.6. Strengthen international partnerships and work-sharing

21

Taking all Options within this section: 1.1. Transparency, communication and stakeholder involvement in HTA into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Mostly address the issue(s)

22

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

See attached letter

23.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Publish plain language summaries

Very positive

23.2

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Improvements to the HTA webpage including development of a dashboard

Positive

27

Taking all Options within this section: 1.2. Consumer, clinician and other stakeholder engagement and consideration in HTA into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Mostly address the issue(s)

39

Taking all Options within this section: 1.4. State and territory government collaboration in HTA into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Mostly address the issue(s)

46

Taking all Options within this section: 2.1. Streamlining and aligning HTA pathways and advisory committees into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Completely address the issue(s)

47

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

Extremely important to streamline processes and avoid current siloed assessments and duplication.

77

Taking all Options within this section: 3.1. Determination of the Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

78

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

A technology's potential impact on the environment (e.g. carbon emissions) should also be included in the PICO - outcomes section.

84

Taking all Options within this section: 3.2. Clinical Evaluation Methods into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

85

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

A technology's impact on the environment should also be included in the clinical impact assessment. e.g. carbon emissions contributing to climate change and subsequent health issues related to heat and rising sea levels.

96

Taking all Options within this section: 3.3. Economic evaluation into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

97

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

A technology's environmental impact needs to be included in cost-effectiveness and cost-utility analyses. (i.e. not treated as an externality)

121

Taking all Options within this section: 4.3. Understanding the performance of health technologies in practice into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

122

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

A research agenda is needed to evaluate how these reforms can be implemented, and once implemented evaluate whether they have changed practice. (positive and negative)

147

Taking all Options within this section: 5.3. Consideration of environmental impacts in the HTA into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Mostly address the issue(s)

148

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

A research agenda is required to ensure process-based life cycle assessment is undertaken for commonly used products, and that a health services research agenda is supported to evaluate consequences of these reforms.

157

Taking all Options within this section: 5.5. Capacity and capability of the HTA system into account.

Overall, to what extent could the options (if implemented) address the issues that relate to them?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

158

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

Contract out research projects to epidemiologists, health economists,and biostatisticians in academic institutions, and through research peak bodies such as HSRAANZ, ACTA.

167

In summary, considering all the draft reform options together:

How confident are you that the reform options (if implemented) will make health technology assessments better overall?

Somewhat confident

168

If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below:

The DoHA is to be congratulated on such a comprehensive HTA Review and consultation.