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What is your name?

Lai Heng Foong

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

Clinician (or representative organisation)

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

Australasian COLlege for Emergency Medicine

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Are you making feedback on behalf of your organisation?

Yourself

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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,5. Futureproofing Australia's systems and processes

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

1.2. Consumer, clinician and other stakeholder engagement and consideration in HTA,1.3. First Nations people involvement and consideration in HTA

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

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

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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?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

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

So far I did not even know much about the work of the HTA, until the RACP convened a group of clinicians together to discuss

Very important to have multidisciplinary input and frontline clinicians can help in designing better processes

29.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Develop an engagement framework

Positive

29.2

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Strengthen consumer evidence

Positive

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If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below -Develop an engagement framework

A model such as a community of practice can be very beneficial, and can pool all the strengths and knowledge of each discipline together

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If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below -Strengthen consumer evidence

Clinicians tend to know the evidence for benefits of health technology to consumers, but not the time to influence policy, sometimes not even time to explain to consumers

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Taking all Options within this section: 1.3. First Nations people involvement and consideration in HTA into account.

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

Address little or none of the issue(s)

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

There has not been much consultation with First Nations people with regard to health technology and its implications, except for using them as subjects to scientific experiments to test the technology

35.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - First Nations peoples partnership in decision making

Positive

35.2

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Dedicated resource for HTA submissions and education

Very positive

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If you would like to expand on your answer above you can do so below -Dedicated resource for HTA submissions and education

Have First Nations representation at all stages of health technology assessments

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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?

Address some but not most of the issue(s)

149.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Environmental impact reporting

Very positive

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Environmental impact reporting

We must expand the environmental impact not just of the health technology in question, but to critically examine whether the technology actually value add to diagnosing or treating a condition, or is its impact in developing such a technology too much to sacrifice due to its environmental impact. I.e. stop the development because net gain is small compared to the environmental impact of developing such a technology

Also to be clear about Scope 1,2,3 impacts, especially 3

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Taking all Options within this section: 5.4. Mechanisms for continuous review and improvement into account.

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

Mostly address the issue(s)

154.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - A program of continuous review and improvement for current HTA policies and methods
Very positive

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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)

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

Capacity is more than just "can you do it" . It should include the question, "should we do it"

159.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Improve HTA capacity and workforce in Australia

Positive

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Taking all Options within this section: 5.6. Strengthen international partnerships and work-sharing 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)

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

As demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic, when we collaborate internationally, many positive outcomes can occur. We need to take away barriers, professionally or legally, in order to reap the benefits of information sharing

164.1

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Harmonisation of HTA evaluations

Positive

164.2

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Work sharing for individual submissions

Positive

164.3

If implemented, overall would these Options have a positive or negative impact on you (/your organisation)? - Collaboration with international jurisdictions to deliver sustainable access to health technologies

Very positive

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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

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

As pointed out in my answers, I think we can go further with environmental considerations in health care technology assessments. Climate change is causing many adverse health impacts, and we are reaching some tipping points now where these impacts will accelerate, so in the same way we need to accelerate our mitigation and adaptation efforts in health, and minimise the negative environmental impacts of the healthcare sector on our environment. This is the area we can control.

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Finally, do you have any further comments about the draft Options Paper or consultation you would like to make before submitting your feedback?

Will I be able to get a pdf copy of my submission for my records? please can I be informed of the outcome of the consultation. Thank you.

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Do you have further comments or concerns to add specific to this topic that should be considered? For example, here you can detail any unintended consequences or overlooked considerations if applicable. we need to consider both direct and indirect consequences of health technology on consumers and healthcare organisation.

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Cultural aspect of care

Centering of First Nations care needs in health technology