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**RE: Health Technology Assessment Policy and Methods Review -  
Consultation 2**

To Whom it may concern,

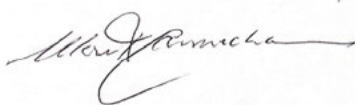
Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) to make a submission on the Health Technology Assessment Policy and Methods Review – Consultation Phase 2.

RANZCO's mission is to drive improvements in eye health care in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region through continuing exceptional training, education, research, and advocacy. Underpinning all the College's work is a commitment to best patient outcomes, providing contemporary education, training, and continuing professional development, evidence-based decision making, collaboration and collegiality.

An integral pillar of RANZCO's [Vision 2030 and beyond](#) strategy is sustainability, which recognises the urgent need to decarbonise healthcare. The need to promote environmental sustainability in ophthalmic practice is also explicated in our [strategic plan](#), and our [sustainability charter](#) which advocates for engagement with industry to explore sustainable procurement pathways and reductions in waste.

Given RANZCO's support for the implementation of the [National Health and Climate Strategy](#), the College applauds and welcomes the six initiatives set forth by the Department of Health and Aged Care in this comprehensive consultation which supports the dissemination of information about carbon emissions associated with health technology products (medicines and devices) to inform discussions with patients and communities and facilitate sustainable prescribing practices.

Kind Regards,



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