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Mr Michael Walsh
Director-General
Queensland Health

By email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sustainability Summit

Dear Director-General

AMA Queensland recognises the Queensland Government's commitment to decarbonisation and climate change action, particularly the new 75% emissions reduction target by 2035.

Our organisation is likewise committed to supporting initiatives that reduce the impacts of climate change on human health and the environment, particularly those that can be implemented by Queensland Health, our Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) and private practices.

The AMA Queensland Council established the Climate and Sustainability Working Group (CSWG) to provide advice on policy proposals, including strategies to reduce emissions and associated detrimental effects.

The CSWG is aware of various effective and commendable activities being undertaken by Queensland Health, its Office of Hospital Sustainability, different HHSs and other health organisations. That said, doctors advise there is a lack of information-sharing amongst these groups which is preventing collaboration, resource efficiencies and timely implementation of beneficial initiatives.

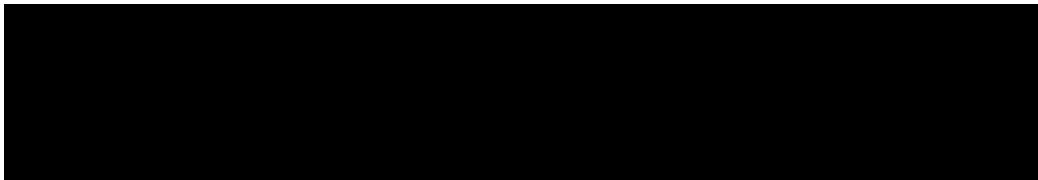
We believe that a Sustainability Summit, convened by Queensland Health, would provide a valuable action-focused forum in which these different groups could share their current climate and sustainability practices to:

- increase awareness, visibility and profile of sustainable practices within health care services;
- facilitate replication and upscaling of evidence-based activities;
- propagate new sustainability initiatives across Queensland's health system; and

- assist Queensland Health in progressing its goals as part of the Global Green and Healthy Hospital network.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the possibility of a Sustainability Summit further.

Yours sincerely



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