

Dear Federal Councillors,

I am a Public Health Physician working in South Australia. I have undertaken various roles within the AMA over the last 20 years, including at state and federal councils, committees and boards.

I have enjoyed serving in the role of Chair of Federal Council over the last two years, and have actively worked towards:

- Clarifying the functions and reporting of Policy Executive
- Improving out-of-session processes
- Enhancing review and consultation of position statements
- Establishing meeting evaluators to provide feedback
- Supporting member engagement and governance working groups
- Promoting effective working relationships and communication between the Federal Council and Presidents and CEOs Committee.

I received consistent positive feedback from Councillors during my term. I carefully considered feedback and incorporated suggested changes to continue to improve the function of Council.

If elected as Chair for a second term, I plan to:

- Work alongside our skilled AMA leadership team and proficient secretariat
- Support the key roles and functions of Federal Council including developing AMA policy, position statements and submissions, exploring emerging issues, and informing the AMA's essential health advocacy.
- Support the development of contemporary terms of reference for sub-committees and councils
- Continue to strengthen communication and working relationships
- Encourage debate of issues, exploring available evidence and building consensus.

I have demonstrated relevant skills and experience to support and add value to the functions of the AMA Federal Council and am seeking your endorsement as Chair for a second term.

Regards,

Dr Matt McConnell