



# NEWS RELEASE

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## ***Health reforms commended but more on Primary Health Care needed***

ADGP CEO Kate Carnell welcomed the release of the Productivity Commission's Final Report today and said "It is good that the Report acknowledges that workforce is not just about training more doctors but that the system also needs to change to incorporate new models of care."

ADGP has been advocating such change for some time and is pleased to see that the Commission recognises the critical need to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the available health workforce and to improve its distribution and sustainability.

"We support the report's recommendation for the establishment of single national bodies for accreditation and registration. This will cut through the current 'red tape' where different states have different approaches and help health professionals move more easily through the system.

"However, one area we are concerned about is that while we support an expanded role allied health professionals in primary health care delivery, we believe it is essential that such care is coordinated by GPs to ensure that patients don't fall through the cracks of what is a very complicated health system."

For more information please call Kate Carnell, ADGP Chief Executive Officer, on 0415 662 266.

### **WHAT IS ADGP?**

- ADGP is the peak body representing 119 Divisions of General Practice and eight State-based organisations (SBOs) around Australia. The Divisions Network supports general practice and their practice teams and drives the implementation of innovative health strategies.
- ADGP, through the Divisions Network, works to integrate general practice with other sectors of the health system, both government and non-government, to deliver high quality care to the Australian community.
  - ADGP is committed to promoting the health of all Australians by supporting the role of Divisions in the nation's primary health care system.



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