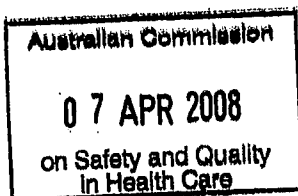


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Dear Dr Dunbar

National Patient Charter of Rights

Further to correspondence between Professor Chris Baggoley, ACSQHC Chief Executive, and Dr Andrew Sutherland, RACS President dated 22 January and 4 February 2008, I write regarding the Commission's National Patient Charter of Rights.

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons supports the development of a National Patient Charter of Rights.

The draft charter and the related principles will encourage a more uniform approach to service delivery in all health care settings and promote a better understanding of the differing roles and responsibilities of patients, their families and carers and health professionals.

The College supports the use of the National Patient Charter of Rights as part of accreditation of health services providers.

Thank you for the opportunity comment on the charter and we look forward to receiving further updates in the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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