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Dear Professor Horvath,

Discussion Paper on National Safety and Quality Accreditation Standards

I have great pleasure in attaching the response to the above discussion paper from The Australian Council on Health Standards.

As the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care will be aware, the ACHS has been a strong advocate for such a review for some time and we welcome the opportunity to place before the Commission the views of the ACHS.

By way of interest, the ACHS submission has been an extensive and collaborative process between the ACHS Board, Council members, participants in ACHS programs and other important stakeholders and as such, represents considered opinion from an extremely diverse and wide-ranging section of those involved in both health policy and care from across Australia.

On behalf of the President of the ACHS, Dr Michael Hodgson AM, and the ACHS Board I trust that the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care will find value and constructive application in the views expressed in this submission.

Yours sincerely

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