



Australian Health Care Reform Alliance

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Jennifer Doggett new Chair of Australian Health Care Reform Alliance

The Australian Health Care Reform Alliance (AHCRA) today announced the appointment of its new Chair, Jennifer Doggett, replacing Tony McBride who has stood down after six years at the helm.

AHCRA is a coalition of 20 peak health consumer, provider and professional organisations, working together to improve Australia's health system.

"I am delighted and honoured to take on the role of Chair of this important group," Ms Doggett said.

"I would like to thank Tony McBride for his six years of leadership during which time AHCRA has made a significant contribution to critical issues of reform of our health system, in particular around issues of equity of access, Indigenous health, oral health and health financing.

"At the recent federal election the community sent a clear signal to the government about the importance of Medicare and the public health system and I look forward to working with the AHCRA Executive and member organisations to ensure this message continues to be heard.

"AHCRA will be focussing on providing constructive input into current policy issues such as the development and implementation of the Health Care Home trial," Ms Doggett said.

Ms Doggett is a consultant working in a number of areas of the health system. She has previously worked for the Department of Health, a peak medical body, in the community health sector and as a political adviser. She is the author of a number of publications in the area of health reform, health financing and consumer health issues.

"Australia's health system has a number of strengths but needs fundamental reform if it is to continue to meet the needs of the Australian community. This reform will only succeed if it involves a broad range of stakeholders and is centred around the needs of consumers, rather than those of governments, providers or funders.

"Input from groups such as AHCRA is crucial to the success of the reform agenda. AHCRA is unique in that it brings together a diversity of different peak health groups and experts to collaboratively develop policies and provide input into key health debates and inquiries.

"I look forward to working with the AHCRA Executive and members towards a better and fairer health care system for Australia's future," Ms Doggett said.

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