



Victorian Healthcare
Association

Member Bulletin

**VICTORIAN HEALTH PRIORITIES FRAMEWORK
2012-2022: METROPOLITAN HEALTH PLAN**

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Dear Member,

The Minister for Health, David Davis MP, today released the *Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012-2022: Metropolitan Health Plan*. This document forms a component of the Baillieu Government's commitment to the development of a long term plan for Victoria's health system. The VHA believe the absence of a Victorian health plan to date has resulted in a fragmented, ad-hoc approach to system growth and has led to a continuation of the existing service paradigm which does not meet the needs of many Victorians.

It should be noted that this document is a 'living document'. The government is preparing new population projections, available in June 2011, which will have a fundamental impact on the planning and delivery of health services into the future.

The Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012-2022: Metropolitan Health Plan sets out seven priority areas for metropolitan, rural and regional and health capital planning into the future:

1. developing a system that is responsive to people's needs
2. improving every Victorian's health status and experiences
3. expanding service, workforce and system capacity
4. increasing the system's financial sustainability and productivity
5. implementing continuous improvements and innovation
6. increasing accountability and transparency
7. utilising e-health and communications technology

As a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee chaired by Rob Knowles AO which guides the development of Health Services Plan 2022, I have been advocating the VHA's views for the *Health Services Plan 2022*, in accordance with the VHA's policy priorities and ongoing feedback from the VHA membership. This committee will continue to meet and provide input to the production of the *Rural and Regional Plan* and *Health Capital and Resource Plan*.

Over the coming two months, the government will be consulting about *the Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012-22: Metropolitan Health Plan*. Further information about the paper and the consultation process is available online at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthplan2022>. The VHA urges all members to consider the content of the document released today and to provide any feedback to the VHA.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 9094 7777.

Kind regards,

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