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To whom it may concern

**Re: Public consultation on the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent**

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) would like to thank Ahpra for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Public consultation on the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent.

As the national leader of the nursing profession, ACN supports all measures aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of the community in an environment free from racism. ACN welcomes the IPCP Statement of Intent and its aims to build a better healthcare system for all.

If you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at

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Yours sincerely,

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Director – Policy and Advocacy  
Australian College of Nursing

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## Response template for the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent public consultation

June 2023

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This response template is the preferred way to submit your response to the public consultation on the draft proposed **Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Statement of Intent**.

Please provide any feedback in this document, including your responses to all or some of the questions in the text boxes on the following pages. The boxes will expand to accommodate your response. You do not need to respond to a question if you have no comment.

### Making a submission

Please complete this response template and email to [AC\\_consultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:AC_consultation@ahpra.gov.au) using the subject line 'Feedback: Proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent'.

**Submissions are due by COB 8 August 2023**

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We publish submissions at our discretion. We generally publish submissions on our [website](#) to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders about consultation responses. Please let us know if you do not want your submission published.

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Do you want your responses to be published?

- Yes – Please publish my response with my name
- Yes – Please publish my response but don't publish my name
- No I do not want my responses to be published

## Stakeholder details

Please provide your details in the following table:

<b>Name:</b>	██████████
<b>Organisation name:</b>	Australian College of Nursing (ACN)
<b>Interest in joining as a signatory to the final statement</b>	Yes, ACN is interested in being invited to sign the final statement

## Your responses to the consultation questions

**1. Is the content, language and structure of the proposed statement clear and relevant? Why or why not?**

ACN suggests that the statement's content, language, and structure is clear and relevant. We are keen to see more detail about how interprofessional collaborative practice will be implemented.

**2. Is there anything else the accreditation committee should consider that would be helpful to include in the proposed statement? If so, please provide details.**

The IPCP Statement of Intent aims to build a better healthcare system. Signatories must buy into the shared vision, goals, and values presented in this paper.

In the next phase, setting some achievable, measurable targets will help the IPCP focus on the implementation of this commitment.

**3. Do you have any general comments or other feedback about the proposed statement?**

ACN views this proposal as valuable for the Australian health system. We are particularly supportive of the proposal's focus on the quality and safety of person-centred care, free from racism. We also view this proposal as a way to break down silos that exist in the health sector enabling a better understanding of the value, worth and importance of different health professions in managing the health of the community. In the long term, this will improve Australians' health outcomes.

We believe that ensuring interprofessional collaboration in all healthcare education will embed the tenets of interprofessional collaboration into all health professions, building respect for each profession's knowledge and skills.

ACN also suggests encouraging a sustained commitment from stakeholders to ensure the long-term goals of the statement are achieved and maintained.