



Health Ministers' Meeting (HMM) Communique

Health Ministers approve Bill to amend the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

Health Ministers, sitting as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (**the National Scheme**), approved the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment Bill, which includes amendments to improve public protection and strengthen the National Scheme.

The amendments represent the second major stage of reforms to the National Law following the 2015 *Independent Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme*.

The Bill includes important reforms to keep the National Law up to date and fit for purpose. These include:

- updates to the guiding principles and objectives of the National Scheme;
- an increase in the regulatory responses available to protect public safety and respond to public health risks;
- improvements to the governance and operation of the National Scheme; and
- improvements to the registration process.

The reforms will help to improve the efficiency, safety, and responsiveness of the National Scheme for both health consumers and registered health practitioners.

In approving the Bill, Health Ministers noted feedback from stakeholders on a consultation draft of the Bill and recognised stakeholder contributions throughout the development of the legislation.

The Bill will now be referred for introduction to the Queensland Parliament.