

## **The Transforming Health Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Committee Communiqué 3 – December 2015**

The Transforming Health Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Committee were established in July 2015 following recommendations from a consumer and community workshop held in May 2015.

The Peak committee has adopted access as a theme in its action plan. Following from this it was briefed on the proposals for all SA Health current infrastructure projects. The committee were given advice and data about road development, car park construction, budget and reconfiguration of current access to hospital services. As a result the committee resolved to:

1. Continue to work with SA Health through this Transforming Health Peak committee to address the best possible access outcomes for consumers using our hospitals.
2. Watch access carefully as the committee was alerted to the fact that car parking infrastructure is going to be problematic for differing reasons, before it improves at the Flinders Medical Centre and the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.
3. Advocate for a better access solution to what already exists and is being planned for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
4. Lobby the Transforming Health leaders to continually inform consumers about the infrastructure progress and its challenges and;
5. Disseminate any infrastructure information provided to and requested by the Peak committee via the Health Consumers Alliance website.

Another theme of the action plan relates to the representation in Transforming Health of vulnerable populations, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The committee is investigating through its networks, what is already underway and intends to link with key Aboriginal Health leaders to further inform its community engagement.

Health Consumer Alliance has made a submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee. The purpose of the submission is to provide the Select Committee with advice and evidence about the health, social and financial impact of the State Government's Transforming Health Initiative. It is submitted by HCA as the peak body for health consumers in South Australia and in its role as chair and facilitator of the Transforming Health Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Committee. HCA expects to be invited to present to the Select Committee in 2016 and members of the Peak committee will also participate.

The Peak committee encourages all health consumers to access accurate information about Transforming Health whether through local newspapers, community forums, websites or health services. The Transforming Health website at [transforminghealth.sa.gov.au](http://transforminghealth.sa.gov.au) is updated regularly and you can subscribe to email updates. You can also subscribe to HCA's eNews at [www.hcasa.asn.au](http://www.hcasa.asn.au) which also provides updates on Transforming Health.

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