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Minister for Health
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Via email: Minister.Health@health.sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Report on the HCA facilitated workshop held to establish the Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Forum and Strategy for Transforming Health

Thank you for attending and speaking at our Transforming Health workshop, and for your continuing support for the health consumer movement and HCA. As you know we had over 90 participants at this workshop, representing a good breadth the South Australian community.

It was successful event with consumers, community members, health practitioners and administrators coming together to co-design the Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Forum (the Forum) for Transforming Health. I acknowledge the leadership and collaboration provided by Naomi Dwyer in her time as A/Chief Transformation Officer.

I attach the report of the workshop for your information – it contains the principles, selection criteria, membership, methods of engagement, communication and accountability mechanisms recommended by the workshop participants. We invited participants to submit additional questions and comments and these are compiled in Appendix 1, which may be of interest to you.

Participants expressed a strong desire to see consumer and community representatives more strongly threaded and embedded across the health system and particularly in the governance of Transforming Health. Health consumers and the community are ready, willingly and able to partner with clinicians, SA Health and the Government to attend to the important improvement work that is Transforming Health.

The next steps in establishing the Forum include:

- Confirmation of the position of consumers in the governance of Transforming Health
- Liaison with SA Health about the timelines and support required to establish the Forum
- Liaison with the Local Health Network Chief Executives, Consumer Councils and Health Advisory Councils to establish their representation on the Forum
- Development of Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest for the consumer and community positions on the Forum, this will be posted on the HCA website as soon as possible
- Drafting a strategic action plan which incorporates the recommendations provided at the workshop, for consideration of the Forum membership. This will include detail about the resources supporting the Forum and strategy through to June 2018.
- Communication of Forum updates on the Transforming Health page on the HCA website

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- Recruiting, announcing and convening the Forum as soon as practical.

I understand that as the proposed Chair of the Forum, I am to be invited to join the already established Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group for Transforming Health. This looks to be an important step forward by providing a consumer and community perspective on this Group.

We look forward to discussing these matters when we meet with you next week. We look forward to working with you, your staff and SA Health on implementing Transforming Health and thank you for your commitment and support to this point.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Cousins', written in a cursive style.

Michael Cousins
Chief Executive