



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

RANZCR SUBMISSION THE HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DATA-MATCHING) BILL 2019 AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS CONSULTATION

About the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is the peak body advancing patient care and quality standards in the clinical radiology and radiation oncology sectors. It represents over 4,000 members in Australia and New Zealand.

RANZCR's role is to drive the appropriate, proper and safe use of radiology and radiation oncology medical services. This includes supporting the training, assessment and accreditation of trainees; the maintenance of quality and standards in both specialties; and workforce mapping to ensure we have the specialists available to support the sectors in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Health Legislation Amendment (Data-Matching) Bill 2019 ("the Bill")*. RANZCR is supportive of ensuring that Medicare is being used appropriately.

RANZCR would like to provide the following feedback on the Bill:

- RANZCR supports data-matching and believes it should be applied to all Medicare eligible services equally for all branches of medicine.
- The consultation documents did not provide much detail on how and what data-matching will occur nor how Medicare compliance activities will change based on the information gathered through the data-matching. Further stakeholder consultation should occur to ensure that interpretation of the matched data is applied to Medicare compliance in a clinically appropriate manner. Furthermore any data collected from the data-matching should only be used for the legislated purpose.
- RANZCR is entrusted with ensuring appropriate standards for professional and ethical practice delivery in Australia and New Zealand. Through data matching activity when anomalies are identified in Radiology or Radiation Oncology, it would be appropriate to seek input from RANZCR.
- It is important that the Government ensures that patient and practitioner privacy is managed and maintained to the highest level and that a robust data security system is adopted to eliminate risks of data breach.

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