

Health Workforce Study
Productivity Commission

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for sending me your issues paper 'The Health Workforce'.

I attach for your perusal an analysis and critique I have just made of the currently proposed strategic management directions in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University because it shows you some of the problems related to working in a collegiate culture and why I am urgently seeking an Australian Workplace Agreement in order to take an alternative course.

I consider such an alternative course to be in the interests of Sydney University and that it is also consistent with providing a remedy for some current concerns of the Australian Government and your organisation in relation to the health workforce. In particular, I provide answers to your question:

'What are the main problems with current workforce planning arrangements?' and related issues on page 53 of your paper.

I would be extremely grateful for anything you might do to help me take a new, more collaborative, open, teaching and research direction at Sydney University and beyond, in order to assist more rapid, high quality skills development. My general policy approach was also outlined in earlier policy papers that I sent you. I again attach a couple to jog your memory.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I can be contacted on 02-9660 8716.

Yours truly

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