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Dear Dr Long and Dr Brayley

**Re: Draft Residential Eating Disorders Treatment Program High Level Model of Care**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Residential Eating Disorders Treatment Program High Model of Care.

AMA(SA) has for many years advocated for and supported programs and services to improve the treatment of eating disorders, and which respond to and align with the availability of new evidence for preferred treatment options. As President of AMA(SA) and as a practising psychiatrist, I am aware of the need for treatments that meet the diverse needs of patients, and that demand for eating disorder treatment has escalated significantly during the pandemic.

I note that according to the draft model, this program will be located within the Repatriation Health Precinct, and that it will be a component in an integrated, stepped model of care for people with eating disorders and their families and carers. I also note that the model has been developed by a team of experts, including clinicians with specific expertise in the field and other medical practitioners who have patients with lived experience, and people with lived experience of eating disorders, to ensure it meets the needs of those who need and will use it.

On behalf of AMA(SA), I support the addition of this proposal as a framework to guide the planning and design of a residential treatment facility at the Repatriation health Precinct and of the multidisciplinary workforce and external linkages it will require to be successful. I welcome the opportunity for further clinical involvement and look forward to updates on its progress. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance through EA Mrs Claudia Baccanello on 8361 0109 or at [claudia@amasa.org.au](mailto:claudia@amasa.org.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Atchison'.

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