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Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

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Ms Elizabeth Hart

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Dear Ms Hart

I acknowledge receipt of your emails dated 13 and 22 September 2017 addressed to Mr Michael Gorton AM, Chair of the Agency Management Committee, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and emails dated 18 and 22 September 2017 to Dr Joanna Flynn AM, Chair of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) regarding vaccines. I am replying on behalf of Mr Gorton and Dr Flynn and I hope the following information is helpful.

AHPRA's role is to support the 14 National health practitioner Boards. The Medical Board's functions include registering medical practitioners and medical students and developing standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession. Neither AHPRA nor the Board are responsible for Commonwealth legislation regarding immunisation such as 'No jab, no pay'.

*Good medical practice: A code of conduct for doctors in Australia* provides guidance to medical practitioners. Informed consent is a key element of good medical practice. A medical practitioner must obtain informed consent before undertaking an examination or providing treatment, including providing vaccines. The immunisation legislation does not mandate vaccinations and consent is still required. The legislation explicitly provides for patients who cannot be immunised because of a medical contraindication. There is a process for reporting and managing adverse events following immunisation, with mandatory reporting requiring doctors to report certain events to their local health authority in most states and territories.

Thank you for raising this matter with AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia. I will ensure that the Board receives a copy of your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Fletcher**

Chief Executive Officer