

28 July 2017

The Honourable Roger Cook MLA
Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health
13th Floor, Dumas House 2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

By email: Minister.Cook@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Deputy Premier,

Re: Acknowledgement of work achieved and request for meeting

Following our letter sent on 11 April 2017 (see enclosed) we write again on behalf of the Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd (AHPA[®]) (WA Branch), this time to acknowledge the work achieved since your appointment as Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Mental Health in Western Australia (WA). We ask that you continue to remember the important role that health promotion has in improving health outcomes in WA.

We would like to congratulate the Government for releasing the WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework (WA HPSF) 2017-2021. The AHPA (WA Branch) commend the work of the Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate (CDPD) Branch at the Department Health WA in developing this framework which will contribute to strengthening health promotion action in WA, across a broad range of stakeholders, for improved community health outcomes. As the framework notes, a comprehensive approach to prevention will benefit WA economically. Plus enable higher levels of community engagement, multi-level interventions and strong partnerships. Importantly, this will benefit population groups susceptible to poor health outcomes in WA. We have also written to Director General Dr David Russell-Weisz to commend the work of the CDPD Branch.

AHPA has been endorsed by the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) as the National Accreditation Organisation for Health Promotion Practitioners in Australia. Health promotion professionals across Australia will soon be able to apply to be a Registered Health Promotion Practitioner. Having professionally recognised health promotion specialists in WA will help support the health workforce in bringing health promotion practice into their roles, contributing to the WA HPSF and its aims.

The AHPA (WA Branch) has a strong and diverse membership across the state and is able to play a vital role in helping the WA Government achieve better health promotion and prevention outcomes. We will encourage, support and build the capacity of our membership to implement the elements of the WA HPSF. With this in mind, we look forward to being considered a key partner for the Department of Health WA in the area of health promotion moving forward.

We ask again for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how the AHPA (WA Branch) can work with the WA Government to make health promotion a priority and improve the health of West Australians during your term.

Please contact us at adminwa@healthpromotion.org.au to arrange a suitable time.

Yours faithfully,



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