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NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation  
1 Reserve Road, St Leonards  
NSW 2065

Dear Agency for Clinical Innovation

### Value-based Surgery Clinical Practice Guide

Thank you for the opportunity for the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) to provide feedback on the NSW ACI document Value Based Surgery: Clinical Practice Guide.

ANZCA's mission is to serve the community by fostering safety and high-quality patient care in anaesthesia, perioperative medicine, and pain medicine. As one of the largest medical colleges in Australia, ANZCA is responsible for the postgraduate training programs for anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians via its Faculty of Pain Medicine, in addition to setting standards which support best practice and ongoing continuous improvement that contribute to a high-quality and high value health system.

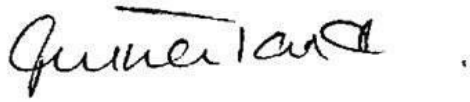
ANZCA welcomes the considerations outlined on page 5 and 6 of your draft proposal, especially as they pertain to:

- The focus on high quality and patient-centred care and outcomes including perioperative medical care, care provided in preadmission clinics, and postoperative care,
- Improving informed patient choice through shared decision-making,
- The focus on reducing unwarranted variation, especially due to geography and socioeconomics, and
- Multidisciplinary approaches to medicine as part of a wider perioperative plan.

Our college is at the forefront of perioperative medicine in Australia, and we would welcome the opportunity to offer our expertise on any related issues. ANZCA supports and promotes well-coordinated, multidisciplinary approaches to medical care which will deliver better patient outcomes. ANZCA's view is that perioperative medicine is critical to the optimal performance of the healthcare system in NSW and Australia. Our efforts to improve perioperative medicine in Australia are expressed in our [Perioperative Care Framework](#), and the development of a [perioperative medicine diploma](#).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Value-based Surgery Clinical Practice Guide. Should you require any further input, please do not hesitate to contact ANZCA's policy staff at [policy@anzca.edu.au](mailto:policy@anzca.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanna Sutherland', with a small dot at the end.

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