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Dear Linda,

ANZCA and Health Workforce Taskforce meeting

As you may be aware, in December 2025 I commenced as chief executive officer of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA).

Over the past months, I have been familiarising myself on the key issues relating to ANZCA's robust postgraduate training programs of anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians, and the processes to foster the highest standards of clinical practice, safety and high-quality patient care in anaesthesia, pain medicine and perioperative medicine.

As part of my focus, I am keen for ANZCA to work closely with key health sector bodies and proactively maintain open communications. I see this as essential for one of the largest medical colleges in Australia and New Zealand.

I would appreciate the opportunity to have an introductory meeting with you and discuss how ANZCA can help contribute to Health Workforce Taskforce and ANZCA's mutual areas of relevance.

ANZCA has been working closely with governments and regulators on supply and demand modelling, implementing the recommendations of the independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings, and implementing agreed reforms to the accreditation of specialist medical training sites. We recognise that the Health Workforce Taskforce is critical to progressing these initiatives and I would like to work closely with you on the continued implementation and associated strategies.

I will commence as ANZCA's new representative at the 13 March 2026 Medical Workforce Advisory Collaboration (MWAC) meeting in Melbourne – perhaps we can organise an in-person meeting before or after this meeting and have in place regular meeting touchpoints.

I look forward to working with you and your team on these reform areas.

Yours sincerely

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