



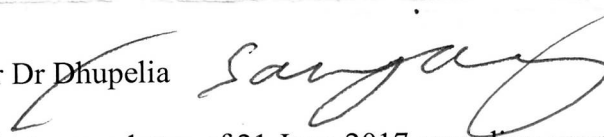
**The Hon Greg Hunt MP  
Minister for Health  
Minister for Sport**

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Dear Dr Dhupelia

  
I refer to your letter of 21 June 2017 regarding your concerns about the Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Knee Imaging report and the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce (the Taskforce) recommendation.

The Australian Government has a commitment to the fundamental role that Medicare plays in our health system and will continue to deliver initiatives and programmes that help ensure ongoing universal access to health care. The Government will identify opportunities to continue to support our health care professionals, maintain choice for patients and maximize partnerships with the state and territories.

As you are aware, the MBS Review is clinician-led, under the governance of the Taskforce.

Public consultation on draft recommendations relating to six further Clinical Committees processes closed on 21 July 2017, including DI Knee Imaging. The Taskforce will consider the feedback received before making its final recommendations to the Government. Additional reports will go to public consultation in coming months. The Government will then consider its response to the recommendations of the Taskforce.

If you and other representatives of the Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Groups would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the Review, submit further nominations for Clinical Committees, or make a submission, please write to [MBSreviews@health.gov.au](mailto:MBSreviews@health.gov.au).

Thank you for bringing the Imaging Group's concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

  
Greg Hunt