

National Pharmacy Workforce Planning Project
Attendance as a participant in the upcoming series of focus groups

This email is sent as an open invitation to all stakeholders who have an interest in the future of Pharmacy in Australia (2009-2025); to participate in a focus group that best suits your location and dates in the upcoming series of fifteen (15) focus groups to be conducted nationally. The series of focus groups are the next phase of the National *Pharmacy Workforce Planning Project*. Each focus group will be held for approximately two hours and are scheduled within the first two weeks of July 2009. Details of the dates, times and location of each of the focus groups are provided in the table below.

Those invited to participate in the focus groups as well as yourself include people from representative pharmacy bodies, health service planners, practicing community and hospital pharmacists, pharmacy students, pharmacy practice academia, pharmacy policy makers and consumers.

The aim of the focus groups is to;

- inform the development of a pharmacy workforce planning model,
- test the face validity of a range of labour market scenarios,
- develop action-oriented draft recommendations,
- explore future scenarios for the pharmacy industry and establish the parameters upon which labour market sensitivity analysis can be conducted.

The end result will be a workforce planning model that can be used interactively to explore different policy, administrative and economic possibilities and a series of labour market scenarios whose face validity will have been thoroughly tested with industry stakeholders.

The *Pharmacy Workforce Planning Project* is being undertaken by Human Capital Alliance (HCA). This is a two year project which commenced in January 2008 and will conclude in January 2010. The research being conducted by HCA is under the guidance of an Advisory Panel consisting of representatives from the Fourth Agreement R&D Steering Committee, the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, the Department of Health and Ageing, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia, Committee of the Heads of Pharmacy Schools in Australia and New Zealand, Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia and the National Health Workforce Taskforce.

For more information and to review previous project reports, visit www.humancapitalalliance.com.au.

In order to ensure as many participants as possible can attend and be properly catered for we would like to request that you register your interest in participating, along with details of the focus group location you would like to attend by emailing the project manager at the following address
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We very much look forward to your involvement in the project. Thank you for your time.
Kind Regards

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State / Territory	City	Location	Date	Time	Facilitator
NSW	Wagga Wagga	<i>Riverina Division of General Practice & Primary Health Ltd 1/185 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga (please use entrance at rear of building, off Murray Street at South Wagga Markets)</i>	Tuesday the 14 of July	6:30-8:30 pm	Peter Gissing
	Newcastle	GP Access Level 1, 123 King Street, Newcastle	Monday the 6 th of July	5:30-8:30 pm	Lee Ridoutt
	Sydney	PHARMACY GUILD HOUSE 84 CHRISTIE STREET, ST LEONARDS NSW 2065	Tuesday the 7 th of July	6:30-8:30 pm	Lee Ridoutt
VIC	Melbourne	'GUILD HOUSE' LEVEL 2 40 BURWOOD ROAD, HAWTHORN VIC 3122	Tuesday the 7 th of July	3:00-5:00 pm	Michael Long/Chandra Shah
	Ballarat	Ballarat and District Division of General Practices' office 105 Webster Street BALLARAT VIC 3350	Wednesday the 8 th of July	6-8 pm	Michael Long/Chandra Shah
	Wangaratta	DHS regional office Meeting Room @ 43-47 Rowan Street, Wangaratta	Wednesday the 8 th of July	2-4pm	Lee Ridoutt
SA	Adelaide	THE PHARMACY GUILD OF AUSTRALIA - SA BRANCH 233-235 Greenhill Road, Dulwich, SA, 5065	Thursday the 16 th of July	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Lloyd Sansom
WA	Perth	THE PHARMACY GUILD OF AUSTRALIA - WA BRANCH 1322 HAY STREET, WEST PERTH WA 6005	Friday the 3 rd of July	6:30-8:30 pm	Lee Ridoutt

	Bunbury	49 Spencer Street Bunbury	Monday the 13 th of July	6-8pm	Lee Ridoutt
NT	Darwin	Travelodge Mirambeena Resort Darwin 64 Cavenagh Street, Darwin	Thursday the 2 nd of July	6-8 pm	Lee Ridoutt
	Alice Springs	5 Skinner Street, Alice Springs	Wednesday the 1st of July	1:30-3:30 pm	Lee Ridoutt
QLD	Brisbane	The Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Queensland 132 Leichhardt Street Spring Hill QLD 4000	Friday the 10th July	3:00-5:00 pm	Lee Ridoutt
	Toowoomba	4/477 Ruthven Street Toowoomba, QLD 4350	Thursday the 9 th of July		Lee Ridoutt
TAS	Hobart	2nd Floor Knopwood House 38 Montpelier Retreat Battery Point TAS 7004	Wednesday the 8 th of July	6:30-8:30 pm	Michelle Strickland
ACT	Canberra	Level 2, Pharmacy Guild House 15 National Circuit Barton ACT 2600	Monday the 6 th of July	6:30-8:30 pm	Brett Lennon