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Dear Kath

### **Our Healthcare Future – Workforce 2040**

I write in relation to the recent announcements and provision of the discussion papers for workforce 2040.

It should come as no surprise that we are significantly invested in having input and wherever possible influence on future workforce decisions.

We intend to provide extensive feedback into the discussion papers in due course, however we are at a loss as to why emergency medical services, in particular Ambulance services, have not been included in the plan.

It is noted that the data relied on is that for nationally regulated professions and the short time of registration for ambulance paramedics means that relevant data is unavailable. This in our view is not an acceptable reason to not include paramedics and ambulance services at this stage.

We intend to provide feedback in relation to paramedics and ambulance services at any rate, however we request that relevant data that is available be identified if the Department wants us to refer to any data at all. For example, there are the reports on government services (ROGS), Operational Research in Health reports (ORH) from 2010, 2014 and another underway now, and various other reviews including data sets driving budget forecasts. The Introduction of the ESCAD system in 2019 has given Ambulance Tasmania much more accurate and relevant data to improve planning and forecasting. If we do not receive any guidance, we will refer to publicly available data and provide references.

Should you wish to discuss the matter, please contact Senior Organiser,  
Lucas Digney on [REDACTED]

Please provide a response in writing as soon as possible. Please send the response  
to [admin@hacsu.org.au](mailto:admin@hacsu.org.au), Attn: Tim Jacobson.

Yours sincerely



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**State Secretary**

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