



DEVELOPMENT OF AN AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS' NETWORK STRATEGY PLAN 2008-2011

The divisions network has an exciting future. In this election year, health among other issues will be in the government's spotlight. As our communication and advocacy strategy suggests, we are well placed to *deliver local health solutions through general practice.*

While the Minister for Health and Ageing has announced funding for the network until June 2011, it is important that we have an agreed plan and clear focus in order to have the discussion with government about what activities we give priority to under the next funding agreements, and beyond.

The Plan will be the *network's* plan. The AGPN-SBO Coalition will be working together to develop the plan. To do that, we need your ideas. We urge you, as our members, to become involved in the process and provide input and advice about the issues we face and the priorities we should set ourselves in order to address them.

There will be two phases of development and consultation. The first will be a state level priority setting exercise as well as a national meeting of CEOs and Chairs, to be held in Melbourne (Melbourne Hilton, Thursday 28th June 2007) to set the issues and framework for the plan. The final will be the development of the plan itself. Invitations to participate will be forwarded to all CEOs and Chairs within the network in the near future. We anticipate a launch of the plan at Australian General Practice Forum 2007.

Over the next few months each SBO will be conducting consultations through a number of means such as state forums, CEO/Board network meetings and surveys. AGPN will also call for nominees to join a Planning Committee to guide the plan's progress. In the meantime, a background document regarding the plan will be posted on the AGPN National Resource Centre.

For further information, please contact your SBO in your state/ territory.