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AGW:hrs

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: PET/CT FOR FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

I am a Consultant Radiologist/Nuclear Medicine Specialist employed at Flinders Medical Centre and previously the Head of the Nuclear Medicine Unit between 1983 and 2017.

As long ago as 1999 we registered an interest for a PET scanner facility at Flinders Medical Centre with the Department of Health & Aged Care, noting the terms of reference of the Commonwealth review of Positron Emission Tomography (PET). Since then we have continued to propose the installation of a PET/CT facility at Flinders Medical Centre and continue to do so.

There is no PET/CT facility south of Anzac Highway but there are currently 4 PET/CT's (2 public and 2 private) within a 500 metre radius of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

The expanding Southern Districts of Adelaide therefore do not have a PET/CT facility within close reach.

There is a proven cost effectiveness with PET/CT in evaluation of many malignancies and the number of tests performed continue to increase throughout Australia.

The Flinders Centre for Innovation and Cancer (FCIC) is said to be a leading cancer centre in Australia yet within the adjacent Flinders Medical Centre which has approximately 680 beds, although there is an extremely comprehensive medical imaging service, patients are relocated for PET/CT examinations and this is a considerable disadvantage particularly for bed bound, disabled and seriously ill patients.

It is important therefore that an installation of a PET/CT unit at Flinders Medical Centre should be given top priority in the 20 year State Infrastructure Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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