

23 February 2023

Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union NSW/ACT/Qld
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Private and Confidential

Dear Mr. Hayes

Re: Proposed changes for the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI)

I am writing as the HR Business Partner supporting ACI to advise that on 23 February 2023 Dr Jean-Frédéric Levesque, Chief Executive of ACI met with all ACI staff to advise them of the proposed changes, which will have no impact on the ACI staff.

A Clinical Innovation and Research Division is being established in the Ministry of Health. The current structures of the Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) and the Ministry's Office of Health and Medical Research (OHMR) will come together under a dual role titled Deputy Secretary for Clinical Innovation and Research and Chief Executive, ACI. Jean-Frederic Levesque will be assigned to the dual role to guide the new Division through the transition period.

This means that ACI and OHMR will continue their current structures as two separate but related entities. The move will have no impact on ACI staff, and the internal structure remains the same.

Research and innovation are a core strategic part of NSW Health's portfolio and the creation of the new Division will provide a central point for co-ordination and strategy setting, to drive focus on statewide research and innovation priorities. It will also elevate staff and consumer voices by bringing the key work of ACI closer to the Ministry of Health and elevate ACI's leadership to the Ministry Executive. ACI will be transitioned from a 'board governed' to a 'Chief Executive governed' corporation, and the current joint Board of ACI/the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) will continue as the CEC Board only, chaired by Professor Andrew Wilson.

These changes take formal effect on Friday 24 February 2023, with implementation activities progressing in coming weeks.

I have attached an information pack for your convenience which includes the current and proposed structure.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on raji.murthi@health.nsw.gov.au or 0499 971 774

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raji Murthi".

Raji Murthi
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