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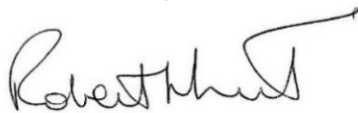
Dear Ms McBride

I am writing to express my concern with the omission of several allied health professions, including dietetics, listed as essential health care services on the Queensland Health FAQs for residents seeking advice on border restrictions.

Under the question 'What is essential health care', the list of professions omits dietetics, exercise physiology and speech pathology. Patients under the care of these professionals across the Queensland/New South Wales border will be at detriment if prohibited from accessing services.

The definition of essential health care must be reviewed as a matter of urgency and the following self-regulating professions (with full membership of the National Alliance of Self Regulating Health Professionals) be added to the list of prescribed health practitioners: dietetics, exercise physiology and speech pathology.

Yours sincerely



Robert Hunt
Chief Executive Officer