



NEHTA e-Health Summit

June 18 2008

09:30AM – 5:00PM

Rydges Lakeside Canberra, Huron Room

London Circuit Canberra City

Background to the Summit

The National e-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), on behalf of all Australian governments, is charged with developing specifications and supporting systems to enable the safe and secure sharing of health information between consumers and health care providers while ensuring privacy is protected.

NEHTA has consulted with a range of clinical and consumer representatives on the issues associated with the sharing of healthcare information. The two primary initiatives that are being discussed are: the individual electronic health record (IEHR); and the unique identification of consumers and healthcare providers (eHEALTH ID). Key issues associated with these initiatives include the:

- Purpose and benefits of individual electronic health records (IEHR);
- Purpose and benefits of unique consumer and provider identification (eHEALTH ID);
- Privacy of information held within the eHEALTH ID Service and IEHR;
- Type of information held within an IEHR (including clinician and consumer views on sensitivity information);
- Access to and participation in the eHEALTH ID Service and IEHR;
- Governance of the IEHR;
- Consent arrangements to establish and authorise access to the eHEALTH ID Service and IEHR; and
- Secondary uses of eHEALTH ID and IEHR information.

This summit will consult with peak consumer and clinical bodies on the plans for a national individual electronic health record and the unique identification of individuals and health care providers to support the sharing of healthcare information. The summit will seek to validate the views provided by individual consumers and providers from previous consultations. NEHTA will also provide background on:

- the NEHTA Work Program, in particular eHealthID Services and the Individual EHR;
- the consultation process to date and proposed future consultation mechanisms; and
- the issues identified during public consultation and the proposed mechanism for addressing these issues.