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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Blackburn

**Request for feedback on Australasian Health Facility Guidelines (Aus HFG) 610
Subacute Care**

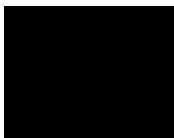
Thank you for communicating with the Australian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) seeking feedback on the Aus HFG 610 Subacute Care.

Following review of the document, the AFRM offers comment in three (3) key areas:

1. Recommendation to expand the design principles to include sufficient space for extended family gatherings, as well as subsidised accommodation options, particularly for families travelling from regional, rural or remote areas. This aligns with practices available in Aotearoa New Zealand and supports culturally appropriate care.
2. Recommendation to ensure the design principles to incorporate sufficient space and equipment to enable telerehabilitation and/or virtual outreach practice. This will facilitate ongoing care for patients and families, particularly those living in regional, rural or remote areas post-discharge.
3. Recommendation to align the design principles with carbon neutrality to support environmental sustainability in these facilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and are available for further discussion. Should you have any queries, please contact policy@racp.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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President AFRM