



# **Health and Medical Life Sciences Industry Advisory Group Communique**

**August 2025**

I am delighted to provide the first Communique of the Health and Medical Life Sciences Industry Advisory Group following its August 2025 meeting. The HMLS Industry Advisory Group (the IAG) was appointed by the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Medical Research, to provide advice and feedback on the implementation of the WA Government's Health and Medical Life Sciences Industry Strategy (the Strategy). Since 2024, the IAG has met 6 times and has resolved to publish a Communique after each of its regular meetings going forward.

## Procurement

As a group, we are keen to unlock opportunities for Western Australian companies manufacturing health and medical products and services to supply to the State Government. We would highlight the value that local content brings to Western Australia through enabling the continuation and expansion of our sovereign manufacturing capabilities. Procurement creates local capability for our emerging industries, and having local sales of a health or medical product also demonstrates credibility to international markets. We consider that tenders for sourcing health and medical products and services should include consideration of the opportunity cost of choosing a non-local manufacturer. We also consider that there should be clarity on the opportunities for local procurement of consumables and innovative products as distinct from each other.

## Workforce development

We support the development and implementation of current and future initiatives by WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub, Life Sciences WA, the Department of Energy and Economic Development and the Department of Training and Workforce Development to foster skills growth and talent attraction to the sector. We propose that a skills matrix to link student capability to existing companies in the ecosystem could be of benefit. We consider that the development of careers resources for the biomedical industry can benefit from defining the breadth of careers available and the avenues for people to enter the industry. We are also of the view that micro credentials can be useful to bolster students' capacity to become future employees in the sector.

**FHRI Fund Strategy 2025-30**

We are supportive of opportunities for industry engagement to accelerate and translate research and innovation to meet the economic prosperity objective of the Future Health Research and Innovation Fund. We welcome opportunities to contribute our collective expertise to provide feedback on the development of grant schemes under the Accelerate and Translate stream of the FHRI Fund Strategy 2025-30.

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