



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

The Faculty of Clinical Radiology

Mr Graeme Loy
Chief Executive, WSLHD

Via email: Graeme.Loy@health.nsw.gov.au

3 June 2021

Dear Mr Loy

Re: Accreditation of Westmead Hospital for Clinical Radiology Specialty Training

The Clinical Radiology Education and Training Committee (CRETc) at its meeting on 21 May 2021 reconsidered the accreditation of **Westmead Hospital** measured against the *Accreditation Standards for Education, Training and Supervision of Clinical Radiology Trainees*.

The committee noted that **Westmead Hospital** was downgraded to **Level D Full Training Site for a 12-month period from 31 July 2020**, with a number of recommendations to be rectified in the following 12-month period. As previously communicated in correspondence sent on 10 March 2021, the CRETc requested that **Westmead Hospital** address all outstanding recommendations by **31 July 2021**.

The CRETc has raised concerns over the progress made to date by Westmead Hospital in addressing the recommendations, and the impact of the failure to address the recommendations on the stakeholders, in particular the trainees.

The College appreciates your engagement and efforts to address the outstanding recommendations and notes the meeting held between the Chief Accreditation Officer A/Prof Michael Bynevelt, Senior Project Officer, Quality Assurance and Evaluation Ms Bettina Brooke, Executive Director Medical Services WSLHD Dr Emma McCahon and yourself on 27 April 2021.

A final progress report must be received with documentary evidence by **19 July 2021**.
Submission to: accreditation@ranzcr.edu.au

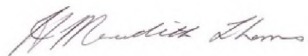
If the recommendations are not met in full by 31 July 2021, a recommendation to withdraw accreditation for **Westmead Hospital** will be presented to the CRETc. The committee will consider this action, noting its obligation in the **RANZCR Accreditation Standards for Education, Training and Supervision of Clinical Radiology Trainees** "to ensure that a minimum acceptable standard of facilities (staff, equipment, diversity of clinical material and tuition) is available to provide successful training in Clinical Radiology".

This outcome will be immediately communicated to the Ministry of Health, NSW Wide Area Network, Local Area Network (LAN) 2 Local Governance Committee, the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) and the Australian Medical Council.

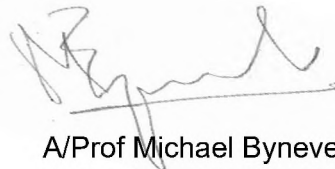
The College will be in regular communication with the Network Training Director for NSW LAN 2, A/Prof Lourens Bester to keep him apprised of the matter, so that there may be consideration of the needs of the trainees at Westmead Hospital and where possible, contingency arrangements put in place.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Bettina Brooke - Senior Project Officer, Quality Assurance and Evaluation at accreditation@ranzcr.edu.au or phone +61 2 9268 9777.

Yours sincerely,



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