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Via email: injurystrategy@georgeinstitute.org.au

Dear Secretariat,

Re: The National Injury Prevention Strategy 2020-2030

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the National Injury Prevention Strategy 2020-2030 (the Strategy).

General practice is at the forefront of healthcare in Australia and delivers preventive healthcare for patients of all ages, cultural backgrounds and socioeconomic status. Approximately 85% of Australians see their general practitioner (GP) at least once a year. GPs focus on providing comprehensive and patient centred care, which reduces the impacts of injuries of all types and at all stages of life.

General practice is well placed to help reduce injury rates in the issues considered in the Strategy including: intentional self-harm, falls, use of alcohol and other drugs, related harms of alcohol during pregnancy, violence, workplace injuries, road-related injuries and sports injuries.

The RACGP's *Guidelines for preventive activities in general practice 9th edition* (Red Book), provides guidance for injury prevention in children and young people and on falls for those of older age.

GPs provide first responder care for minor injuries in the metropolitan area, and are often the key care providers for minor and major injures in rural and remote areas. They are also an integral part of the aftercare process and provide follow up support to their patients post-injury, working on rehabilitation strategies to coordinate care across various health professionals.

The RACGP appreciates the opportunity to engage in this important strategy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of individuals and their community. For any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact Stephan Groombridge, eHealth and Quality Care Manager on 03 8699 0544 or stephan.groombridge@racgp.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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