



## HC Coombs Policy Forum

### Research Evidence as a Change Management Tool: Application and acquisition during major health reform

Wednesday 30 March, 2011 3pm – 6pm

#### Jean Martin Room, Level 3, Beryl Rawson Building #13

Ellery Crescent, The Australian National University

(Coffee available from 2.45pm, drinks at conclusion)

**Purpose** - The HC Coombs Policy Forum at the ANU is organising a small high-level workshop to be led by Professor Jonathan Lomas, an international expert on the application of research into public policy and practice, particularly in the health field. The workshop will focus upon how research and evaluation might be drawn upon as a change management tool during the implementation of the Government's major health reforms and in future ongoing operations. Lomas will draw upon his experience in Canada and the UK in particular, helping participants to explore practical options to apply in Australia now and over the next few years.

**Format** - Roundtable of 20-25 people, 15+ being senior practitioners from Health portfolio agencies and DVA and another 6-10 being academic experts or retired practitioners with relevant expertise and experience. All participants are expected to contribute actively. Chatham House rule to apply.

**Structure** - Three 1 hour sessions chaired by Andrew Podger. Each session opened with a 5 minute introduction from Jonathan Lomas.

3 - 4pm **Session 1:** How research can contribute in the frantic implementation stage: clarifying reform objectives, deciding what research is relevant, designing evaluation.

4 - 5pm **Session 2:** How research and evaluation can be built into the ongoing operations of new health service planning and delivery arrangements

5 - 6pm **Session 3:** Structures and processes for action and learning

**Prior Reading** - Circulated to participants prior to today:

- COAG Communique - Heads of Agreement - National Health Reform
- Medicare Locals - Guidelines and Information for applicants
- IPAA National Roundtable 2010 - Health Reform DRAFT 16 November
- A National Health & Hospitals Network for Australia's Future - Delivering better health & better hospitals
- Lomas and Brown article 'Research and advice giving' Milbank Quarterly 2009
- Lomas article 'The in-between world of knowledge brokering' BMJ 2007

**Outputs** - To be discussed at end of workshop. Rapporteur to draft summary of discussion (without attribution of individual contributions) for participants only at this stage.

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