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The attendees of the PHAA 12th National Immunisation Conference in Adelaide on 17-19 August 2010 agree for the need for immediate action to address immunisation issues in Australia.

Therefore we have adopted the following resolutions and recommendations to be considered by the Board of the PHAA:

Special Interest Group for Immunisation

The conference calls on PHAA to support the establishment of a Special Interest Group for people with an interest in the field of immunisation.

Additional Government Support for Immunisation Providers

This conference calls for additional government support for immunisation providers, in areas known to have high numbers of people who are uncertain about the benefits of immunisation.

Adopt a No-Fault Compensation Scheme for Adverse Events following Immunisation

This conference believes Australia should adopt a no-fault compensation scheme for adverse events following immunisation.

Support the Development of More Thermostable Vaccines

The conference calls on governments and industry to encourage and support the development of more thermostable vaccines, providing widespread benefit including remote/regional parts of the country and in developing countries.

Advance an Electronic Personal Health Record

The conference believes that an electronic personal health record should be advanced as a priority with legislative support to allow de-identified records to be used for the following purposes:

- Immunisation coverage
- Vaccine impact/effectiveness (via linkage with notifications/hospitalisations)
- Safety monitoring of vaccines

Development of a Nationally Co-ordinated Effective Vaccine Safety System

The conference believes that a nationally co-ordinated and effective vaccine safety system be developed, that includes a specific vaccine safety committee.

Additional Resources to Enhance the Current Vaccine Safety Surveillance System

The conference calls for:

- Additional resources to be allocated to enhancing the current vaccine safety surveillance system, which includes the development of complementary passive and active surveillance systems in Australia
- That in the planning for the introduction of new vaccine programs, adequate planning and funding is allocated to ensure a robust system of surveillance appropriate to that vaccine preventable disease.

Communication as One of the National Immunisation Strategy Priorities

The conference believes that the development of a national immunisation strategy must include communication as one of its priorities with guidance from public health professionals.

A Whole of Life Immunisation Register

The Conference calls on the Federal government to take leadership in establishing a whole life immunisation register.

- **ACIR to Include the School Based Program**
 - The Conference calls for the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) to be immediately extended to include the school based program as an interim measure leading to a whole of life immunisation register.
- **ACIR to be Integrated with the HPV and Cancer Registers**
 - The conference believes that if a whole of life immunisation register is not possible at this time, then the ACIR is immediately integrated with the HPV and linked with Cancer Registers.

Recognition of and Appropriate Funding and Incentive Payments for Immunisation Providers

The conference believes that there should be recognition of, and appropriate funding and incentive payments for private and public immunisation providers.