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Prime Minister - NEHTA in breach WTO GATT AGREEMENT with e-Health Standards

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AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT

cc Federal & State MPs
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Interested Parties

Dear Prime Minister

NEHTA IN BREACH WTO GATT AGREEMENT WITH E-HEALTH STANDARDS

We write to inform you that we believe that the ICT Advisory Committee to the National e-Health Transition Authority [NEHTA] has misled the management of NEHTA with the preparation, publication and implementation of the National E-Health Standards Development - A Management Framework on 15 Mar 2006

This 26-page PDF document has been placed On-line as NEHTA has been replaced on 01 Jul 2016 with the Australian Digital Health Authority [ADHA]

We believe that this document provides the Evidence that the ICT Advisory Committee has placed Australia in breach of the World Trade Organisation GATT Agreement

"security requirements; the prevention of deceptive practices; protection of ... bodies accept and comply with the **Code of Good Practice** for the"

Examples of the Evidence there has been "Deceptive Practices" include:

A "The Nature and Importance of Standards" states

"E-health standards have substantial benefit potential on two fronts:

- a to underpin cross-sectoral health service improvement; and
- b as a lever for economic development via greater and faster expansion of health software markets.

The Benefits do not include "improvement of Health Services" only **"expansion of Health Software Market"**

The document states that the NEHTA would comply with the WTO Code of Good Practice yet published 8 Candidate Standards many of which are overseas Proprietary software products to "expand the health software market" and add costs and delay for the Public on eHealth transactions

MALCOLM TURNBULL – PRIME MINISTER

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B The Section on Trade states:

"In 2003 "Enabling our Future" reports that"

It is only in the multitude of Footnotes that you find the full title of the report is

Enabling our future : a framework for the information and communications technology industry !

C The Blog of Dr David MORE MB PhD FACHI demonstrates a number of members of the Medical Professions are concerned about what is happening with Australian E-Health processes

NEXT STEPS

As the State and Territory Courts are all moving to Uniform Civil Procedure Rules [UCPR] following the NSW Civil Procedures Act 2005, the "Name and Address" format for UCPR forms should be included in Legislation in this Parliamentary Term

This could be similar to the 1996 US legislation which ensured all US Government departments use only one standard ANSI-X12 (not the UN/ISO Standard EDIFACT) for e-Health and e-Business

This Legislation would ensure that Australia complied with the WTO GATT Agreement and ensure the NEHTA Candidate Standards have interoperability on "Name and Address" formats

Yours sincerely

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