Reviewer's report

Title: How evidence-based workforce planning in Australia is informing effective policy development in the retention and distribution of the health workforce

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An important contribution
major revisions -more should be made of new models of care in the section on innovation . Ie nurse practitioners , some of the innovations in the US ( PAs etc ) . some real questions about fiscal sustainability sustainability- its not just about GDP - why is every state spending 30% of new spend each year on health

reference to the Productivity Commission report into Aus Health workforce (2006) should be made in relation to the workforce productivity issues

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

Yes - AHWI has been in receipt of funds from HWA and was the research partner for the NHWT