



Australian Government

## Review of Australia's Plasma Fractionation Arrangements

13 December 2006

The Hon Tony Abbott MP  
Minister for Health and Ageing  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am pleased to submit, on behalf of the Committee, the report of the Review of Australia's Plasma Fractionation Arrangements.

Australia now has an enviable system for the provision of safe, high-quality blood and plasma products to the Australian community. Australian voluntary donors play a vital role in this achievement.

We cannot take it for granted that the present situation will continue without strong action on the part of the Australian community and the Commonwealth, state and territory governments. Accordingly, the Committee has made a series of recommendations for action. These are designed to ensure that future arrangements (a) provide the highest standards of safety, quality and efficacy in respect of plasma products fractionated for use in Australia, (b) assure security of supply, and (c) offer the best possible value for money for Australia.

The Review Committee thanks all those individuals, organisations and companies who have contributed information and views that have enhanced the Committee's understanding of the relevant issues and have contributed to our deliberations. We are grateful for the professional support of the Secretariat, under the excellent leadership of Yael Cass.

I commend the report to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Philip Flood'.

Philip Flood AO  
Chairman