



Response to RANZCR Draft Position Paper on Image Interpretation

Thank you to all the members who responded to our call for comments on the RANZCR Draft Position Statement on Image Interpretation. We had a very strong response from across the country, which has now been compiled into the final document, sent to RANZCR yesterday. The document can be found [here](#). It has been a wonderful example of the strength of united voices – united for the profession and for the standards we strive to maintain.

One interesting finding is there appears to be a high degree of confusion amongst ASMIRT members regarding the difference between commenting and reporting – so it is not surprising that the RANZCR is also confused.

Commenting is mandated in National Law. It is a minimal capability for radiographers. [Click here to read more.](#)

Reporting is completely different. A radiology report is a diagnostic report of a radiology investigation that, in Australia, is produced by a radiologist.

There is clearly major concern amongst radiologists about our Preliminary Image Evaluation (PIE) project here. PIE is not designed to enable reporting. It is a brief written comment provided by a health professional which describes findings in the radiographic examination. The ultimate outcome of which is to improve patient safety and prevent delays in appropriate treatment/interventions.

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