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Dear Professor Greaves,

Letter of Support – PHASES (Preventing Heart Attacks and Stroke Events through Surveillance)

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the PHASES Program, an initiative that exemplifies innovation, collaboration, and translational impact in cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention across Queensland and, potentially, Australia.

National context

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death and disability in Australia. While 80% of CVD events are preventable, most Australians at high risk are not receiving the recommended interventions. System-level strategies that link primary care, data, and prevention are urgently required to address this gap.

PHASES responds directly to this challenge by creating a coordinated framework for cardiovascular surveillance, risk assessment, and management within primary care. It combines clinical insight, digital innovation, and health system integration — all critical priorities for national cardiovascular reform.

About the ACvA

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance, established in 2015, is a national collaboration that unites leading cardiovascular research institutes, scientific societies, health organisations, and industry partners. Our mission is to accelerate the translation of research into better health outcomes through seven Flagships that collectively form a national platform for cardiovascular science: *Implementation & Policy, Big Data, Clinical Trials, Precision Medicine, Drug Discovery, Disease Mechanisms,* and *Biomedical Engineering*.

These Flagships connect discovery with practice — fostering innovation in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment across coronary disease, arrhythmias, heart failure, stroke, hypertension, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cardiovascular health.

Alignment between ACvA and PHASES

PHASES aligns strongly with the ACvA's strategic priorities. It represents a practical application of implementation science and digital health to strengthen the preventive capacity of primary care. Its use of linked data, through Primary Sense, demonstrates how evidence and analytics can guide population-level action.

The initiative also reflects the ACvA's goal of building cross-sector partnerships that bridge primary care, health departments, hospitals, and researchers — ensuring that new knowledge rapidly informs policy and practice.

Collaboration and leadership

PHASES is a system-wide collaboration led by Country to Coast Queensland PHN, in partnership with all seven Queensland PHNs. It brings together a multidisciplinary leadership team including specialists (Professor Kim Greaves, Cardiologist and Clinical Lead), general practitioners (Professor Mark Morgan, Chair, RACGP Expert Committee for Quality Care), allied health professionals, researchers, and public health experts

By connecting these partners, PHASES demonstrates how cardiovascular prevention can be delivered at scale through existing primary care infrastructure — a principle that aligns closely with the ACvA's Implementation and Policy Flagship and its emphasis on embedding evidence into national health systems.

Endorsement

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance strongly supports PHASES as a model of evidence-driven cardiovascular prevention, combining digital innovation, clinical leadership, and community engagement. We commend its contribution to improving population health outcomes and look forward to exploring opportunities to align ACvA research capability with its ongoing development and evaluation.

Yours sincerely,

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