

RELEASE OF PROGRAM FOR ENHANCED POPULATION HEALTH INFOSTRUCTURE (PEPHI): A REPORT OF RESPONSES TO THE NOVEMBER 2000 DISCUSSION PAPER

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In summary, responses to the discussion paper confirm that:

- there is a strong demand for population health information from both within and outside the NSW public health system;
- information that is already available needs to be more visible to potential users;

- printed publications or reports are required for those consumers who have limited computing resources;
- it would be valuable to expand the range of data collections available through the NSW Health Outcomes and Information Statistical Toolkit (HOIST), particularly those that describe social determinants of health;
- making HOIST data more accessible through providing training in its use, and by providing more user-friendly means of obtaining analyses from it, would meet other needs;
- the quality and relevance of PEPHI developments should be monitored to ensure that the Program is meeting its goals. ☒

Copies of the *Program for Enhanced Population Health Infostructure (PEPHI): A report of responses to the November 2000 Discussion Paper* can be obtained from the Centre for Epidemiology and Research by telephone (02) 9391 9408, or from the Department's Web site at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/pephi/index.html.