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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Healthcare Services Architecture Standards Project

HL7 New Zealand (registered as New Zealand HL7 User Group) is pleased to announce its support of the Healthcare Services Architecture standardization initiative occurring in both Health Level Seven and the Object Management Group. Having read the HL7 Services Specification Project Charter, HL7 NZ is supportive of its objectives and intends to participate in the development and evolution of open standards for health care information services.

HL7 NZ applaud the contributions made by the informal group, the Services Birds-of-a-Feather (Services BOF), which has played an important role in promoting the need for health care services architecture standards within HL7. We will strongly encourage the Board of HL7 to support the project proposal.

We will work closely in collaboration with HL7 Australia to contribute exemplar use-cases that will serve to identify immediate priority services for development work. The HL7 NZ board will also be happy to review and provide comments, where appropriate, on projects outputs as they are produced. We nominate Dr Stephen Chu (email: stephen.chu@auckland.ac.nz; Phone: +64 9 373 7599 ext 87716)) be the NZ contact person.

HL7 NZ wishes the proposed project every success.

Your sincerely

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