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Conflict of interest statement

The Health Services Research Group at The University of Newcastle has received research funding from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards to produce annual clinical indicator reports. Prof Robert Gibberd is the Director and Mr Stephen Hancock and Dr Peter Howley are members of the Group.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howley', is written over the printed name.

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