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Australia needs a safety net to protect against further COVID-19 lock downs.

Australia needs a safety net to minimise future lockdowns and economic disruption resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Uncertainty surrounding vaccines, travel restrictions and job insecurity all contribute to ongoing disruption in this ever-changing environment. It is time to change the dial from reactive to proactive management of the pandemic.

While COVID-19 outbreaks in Australia have been sporadic, they have come at an enormous cost to the community – estimates of the economic cost of the lockdown in Victoria alone are \$11 billion, on top of the impact on families and individuals who contract the disease.

To stop further outbreaks of COVID-19 and to prevent future pandemics, Governments need to take decisive steps to provide help to hospitals and healthcare sites to cope with these moving targets, and to prevent small errors compounding, as has happened in many of the outbreaks in Australia over the last year. The community needs certainty and security going forward.

An Australian company, Energese, has a proven, on-the-ground digital solution which covers all these bases in a pandemic, and it has been used successfully by health providers such as Heathcote Health to ensure their pandemic responses have been optimal.

CEO of Heathcote Health Dan Douglass said: *“The safety of our community is of paramount importance to us and early on in the pandemic we sensed that our planning and preparedness may not have been at the level that will give us the ultimate safety for our community. The implementation of the PMme gave us that level of security which provided the very best protection for our community and staff. We look forward to the PMme being implemented in more facilities to give the best security especially to the most vulnerable members of our community during this pandemic.”*

The world class digital solution developed by Energese, called PMme, assists management teams to keep ahead of all the pandemic’s challenges, saving valuable time and effort by AUDITING their actions in response to the challenges, PROVIDING a comprehensive Gap Analysis, and IDENTIFYING the “next steps” for administrators to take by following an academically based Decision-Support system, minimising the chances for simple omissions to lead to devastating consequences - such as the avoidable cost of the Victorian lockdown.

The next pandemic needs to be planned for today, to avoid further economic shutdowns and paralysis caused by border closures across Australia. The economic costs and the effects on the Australian population are too dangerous not to start planning now.

For example, it was widely reported that many Australians put off seeking medical attention for existing conditions as a result of uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, concerned that GPs attending aged care facilities were at risk and hospitals were high risk. and tracking mechanisms were not adequate.

Distrust over the effectiveness of tracking mechanisms and the supply chain management of adequate PPE also contributed to the lack of community confidence. Some States performed better than others, but a national preparedness solution is necessary to ensure borders remain open and the Australian economy can continue its post COVID-19 recovery.



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Given the range of new challenges the Australian health system is facing during a pandemic, governments need to ensure the appropriate mechanisms are in place to target the problems of today and tomorrow. An effective digital solution to manage the numerous challenges and streamline activity in the event of further outbreaks is essential.

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About Energesse & PMme

Energesse is a specialist digital health company that specialises in improving value and outcomes in the health & care sector. Our solutions and programs are in pandemic management, leadership and workforce resilience as well improving patient experience. Our Mission is to improve health and well-being experience of one billion lives. With over 25 years experience across clinical medicine, technology and innovation, Energesse was founded in 2012 to transform health & care organisations toward person-centered care, better value and a sustainable workforce. We are industry leaders with extensive clinical and business experience who utilise world-leading technologies. We deliver our services to hospitals, primary care and governments. We work with clients and partners in Australia, US, UK and Asia.

Developed by Energesse, the PMme is a personalised audit and decision-support tool for health and safety managers as well as teams. It is being developed into a cloud-based solution that helps users identify gaps and strengths relative to best practices in pandemic preparedness and response as well as monitor progress of compliance actions, so operations can be managed more safely and effectively. The product is aimed to provide a Gold Standard Pandemic Safety Management System for hospitals and health services, as well as other high-risk industries such as aged care facilities and general practices. The decision-support functionality also helps users learn matching best practices to resolve their preparedness and response gaps and implement them.