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**THE BIGGER PICTURE - HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN AUSTRALIA**  
Dr Mukesh Haikerwal, National e-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), SA

Dr Mukesh Haikerwal will set the context for delegates on the need for an appropriately skilled and educated workforce to support health systems across Australia.

Dr Haikerwal is a General Medical Practitioner, the National eHealth Transition Authority's National Clinical Lead, a Professorial Fellow with Flinders University, a former commissioner with the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) and a past AMA President.

He has unique and valuable insights to offer delegates. One of the NHHRC recommendations for implementing a national e-health system is: "In accordance with the outcome of the 2020 Summit and our direction to encourage greater patient involvement in their own health care, that governments collaborate to resource a national health knowledge web-portal (comprising e-tools for self-help) for the public as well as for providers."

Health librarians have a role in this. The Chief Health Librarians Forum has been developing strategy and a business case to establish a national eHealth library and the HLA Executive has been gathering evidence on the state of play for our profession in the Workforce and Education Research Project.

What will your role be in the future? How will you shape your professional future? What will be the national drivers that will impact on health librarians?