

RDAQ Management Committee Nomination

Statement to support nomination: Dr Stephen Tucker

I am a Rural Generalist Obstetrician currently working at Kingaroy and Warwick Hospital. Previously I was Co-Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Toowoomba Hospital. A role I had for 3 years.

I graduated from the University of Queensland in 1995. I am a fellow of the Australina College of Rural and Remote Medicine and have a DRANZCOG (Adv).

Growing up in Dalby and then subsequently working in various rural towns including Emerald, Kingaroy, Dalby, Warwick and Beaudesert for over 25 years, I have developed a deep understanding of what is important to rural communities, especially regarding maternity services. I understand the need to balance patient needs as well and the health and safety of Rural Doctors.

I have been involved in training many Rural Generalist and I am heavily involved in education through ACRRM, RANZCOG and Clinical Skills Development Service.

I am passionate about supporting young doctors as they make their transition from training to Fellow and have mentored many young doctors during that transition.

I am a keen advocate for supporting rural doctors to maintain their skills and to retain the workforce that already exists. In addition, I have an interest developing ways in which rural doctors can be supported when adverse outcomes occur.

During my time as Co-Director O&G in Toowoomba I was a strong supporter of rural generalist working at the top of their scope. This was despite resistance from multiple sources.

I would like to opportunity to continue this advocacy through RDAQ.