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Dear Medical Imaging Consultants,

I am delighted to announce that the Flinders Medical Centre Medical Imaging Clinical Service Improvement Project business case was approved by [REDACTED] Group Executive Director, Statewide Clinical Support Services on Friday 8 November 2013. The version of the business case that was approved is the "Option B" version that does not include an expansion of the coronary artery CT service. Discussions regarding the expansion of the coronary artery CT service will continue with the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Executive. In summary, the business case provides the following:

- 1) Increased outpatient CT capacity of 100 cases per week (5000 per year)
- 2) Increased outpatient US capacity of 30 cases per week (1500 per year) and Privately Referred Non-Inpatient (PRNI) billing (and thus consultant checking) of all outpatient ultrasound
- 3) Establishment of a Breast MRI service of 4 outpatient cases per week (200 per year)

One of the key goals of SA Medical Imaging (SAMI) is to achieve an improved budget position. This business case is designed to improve the budget position of SAMI (around \$750,000 net per annum) through the generation of additional Medicare revenue whilst simultaneously improving the clinical imaging service at Flinders Medical Centre.

An additional 2.54 FTE of consultant radiologist are required for the business case. Currently Medical Imaging at FMC has 13.5 FTE of consultants (radiologists & nuclear medicine physicians) and a head count of 31 giving an average FTE per consultant of 0.44 (this is lower than the national average in public hospitals of around 0.7 to 0.8 FTE per consultant). This makes for a highly fragmented consultant workforce. It is my desire to consolidate consultant numbers where possible and thus if there are consultant radiologists who are interested in increasing their FTE commitment to Medical Imaging at FMC can they please let me know via a formal letter of expression of interest as soon as possible and certainly by close of business on Friday 22 November 2013.

Please feel free to discuss any aspects of this exciting development with me.

Kind regards,

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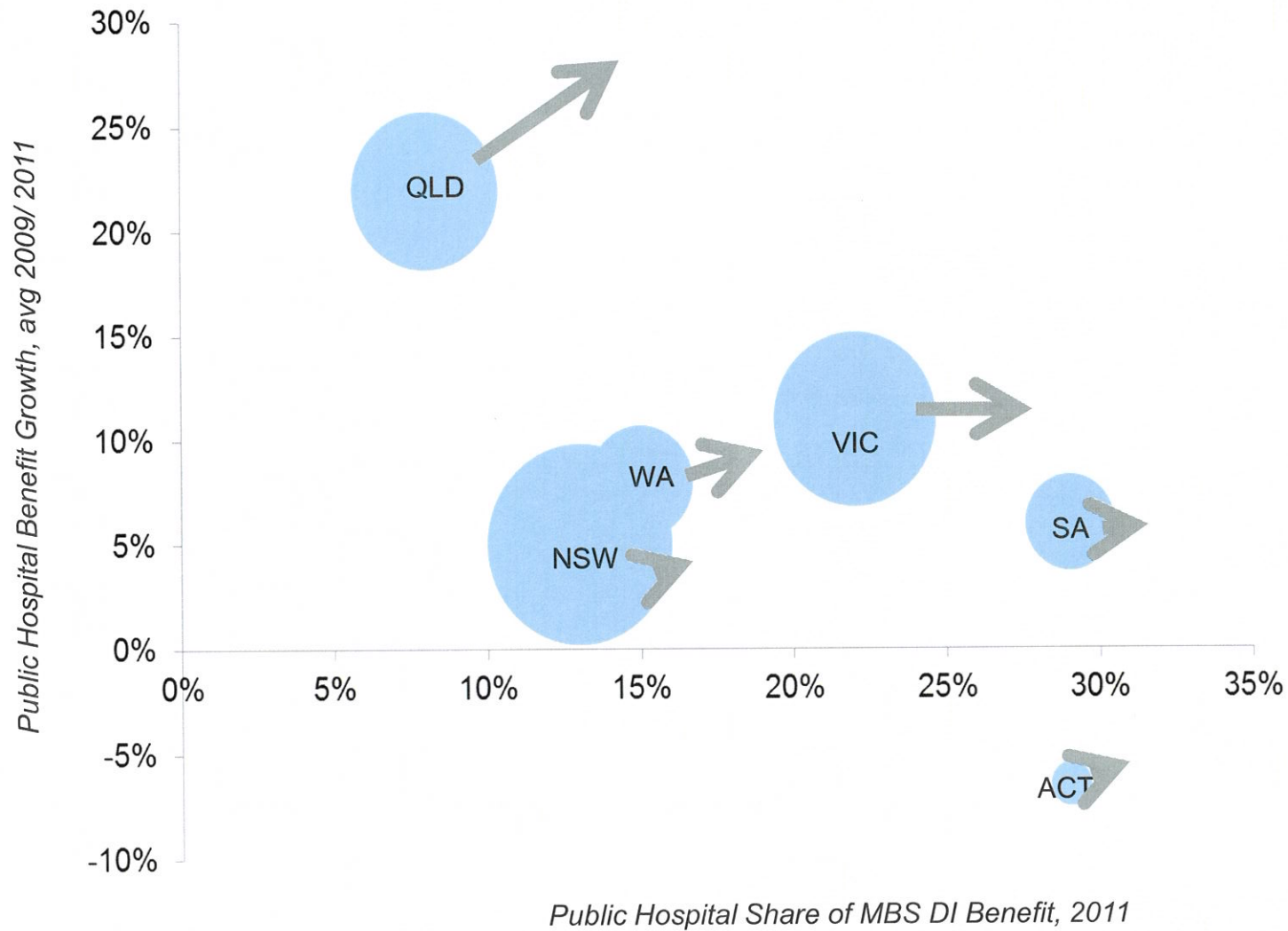
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Note: 1) TAS and NT not included in analysis
2) Radius of circle is the population of that state