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We're now moving into the finale so to speak and as part of the finale first of all I want to invite Michael Smith from the Commission to give his perception of the day and overview to conclude the events. Thanks Michael.

Thanks Leigh. I'm not going to keep everybody long. I think it's fantastic that you're still here actually, it's really good.

Look a couple of things that really struck me I think about today and it's been quite a fascinating set of presentations and listening to the discussion. One of the things that really struck me is that in this state you have an enormous amount of existing talent already, you really are national leaders in a whole set of arrangements here and you need to continue to embrace that, talk amongst yourself, spread it. Whenever, from the Quality Commission's perspective we actually talk about this sort of work, we keep giving this fairly simple message which is do what you know works; well there's been a lot of talk today about what actually works, well first of all do what you know works; secondly do it everywhere and with everybody. So make sure that in fact that it's not just little pockets of excellence but wherever you're working that it's being done all the time regularly and consistently and lastly do it with your patients. Engage them, get them involved in the process, make them part of the solution, they're really good aspects.

The other thing that struck me was that I thought we had some good concrete evidence that zero is possible. How many times do we all kind of go "oh how much will we accept, how much is okay, how much of all this," none. None is possible, so that's a great message.

The other thing is that I think we discovered today the next career move for Daryl. I think given the results of the senate elections in the last just recent election I think the National Patient Barcode Party is about to be formed with a new senator from South Australia Daryl Teague, I think would be a very good thing.

From my point of view you've seen proof that it's possible, practical national champions in your own backyard and whatever you do use the system. You know the practical things that you want to do, use the changes that are now in the system. You've got a hook, you can start using it. Use the Standards to drive what you know needs to happen. So all strength to your arm and well done for today.

Thank you.