The Promise and Possibility of EHealth

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The digital revolution has changed our lives, the way we shop, bank, book a taxi, work and spend time with our family. It does that because it is easy. Everything is integrated into one device or system, I have a phone, camera, street directory, diary, photo album, my music collection, books etc and they all work seamlessly. Meanwhile my experience in the health system looks very different.

There are an estimated 8000 start-ups around the world developing solutions in digital health and that’s not including the already established traditional technology players. Innovation is thriving and venture capital funding and IPO’s are at record levels with $2B of venture capital funding in the first 6 months of this year. There is certainly no lack of innovation but the missing link remains-integration.

Bronwyn Pike is the former state member for Melbourne and Victorian Minister for housing, aged care, community services, health, education, skills and workforce participation. Her 13 year parliamentary career included 11 as a Minister. Prior to entering parliament in 1999 Bronwyn was the director of Uniting Church welfare programs in Victoria, now known as UnitingCare, which provided children, youth, family and aged care services and social justice advocacy. She trained as a secondary school teacher and taught in Adelaide and Darwin and at RMIT. In 2012 Bronwyn was appointed as chair of the South Australian Urban Renewal Authority, chair of the Centre for Urban Research Advisory Committee and recently chair of Western Health and a board director for UnitingCare NSW/ACT. Having left Parliament Bronwyn is now working with Telstra Health.

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