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Dear Professor Grenyer,

RE Consultation on Guideline: Approved training programs in psychology supervision

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed standards of training for supervisors in psychology. I have two comments to make.

1. I have been providing supervision to registrars within the WA registration system since 2001. I do not agree that people with longstanding experience such as I have be required to undergo 15 hours of training and to have repeated 'top ups' provided they continue to be engaged in the supervision process. With continued engagement, one is kept up to date with current laws and requirements and additional training is redundant and a waste of time and resources. This is too onerous and will result in a loss of supervisors from the system, particularly it will result in a loss of private practitioners who have to self fund such time and costs. Those in the public sector will no doubt continue, provided their employer picks up the cost of their time.

2. I agree that supervisors should have at least one area endorsement to provide supervision. I additionally believe supervisors should have a minimum of a post graduate qualification in that area of endorsement. Such that anyone supervising should have at least a masters in a specialist area of psychology.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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