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Subject: Fw: Attention Chair Psychology Board of Australia

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Dear Chair

The proposed national registration standards do not clearly appear to account for registered psychologists who have undertaken APS approved and Registration Board approved study in one area of psychology such as DPsych Counselling (which includes Masters by coursework) and then undertaken more study as recommended by Medicare and the APS for specialist clinical registration and eligibility to join the college of clinical psychologists. If psychologists have been encouraged to undertake further study to meet the requirements for Clinical registration at their own cost, then the registration board has a duty to recognise the importance of that undertaking. We look to the APS to provide us with the requirements to meet their standards of study which in turn are accepted by the board as eligibility to gain registration as a psychologist. Does the board propose that those psychologists who have undertaken such study will not be recognised as Specialist Clinical Psychologist under the new National Registration Standards?

In addition, this new plan does not take into account psychologists that have been supervised for a number of years by other Clinical Psychologists with numerous years of experience. It would be greatly appreciated to have these issues clarified in your proposal.

Kind Regards  
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