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Dear Associate Professor Grenyer

Re: Professional Indemnity Insurance: Psychologists

On 1 March 2010 I wrote to you in your position as Chair of the Psychology Board of Australia regarding professional indemnity insurance for psychologist members of the Victorian Psychologists Association Inc (VPA).

I did not receive a response to that Email. A copy is attached.

The VPA and its members are very concerned that the VPA policy may not be deemed to be compliant with the Board's requirements.

The policy is a group policy. The policy covers all financial members of the VPA as at the renewal date and all members who join during the year prior to the renewal of the policy. The policy includes civil liability insurance, unlimited retroactive cover, run off cover. Under the policy there are automatic reinstatements of cover in relation to the policy as a whole. The policy is in similar terms to policies which are compliant with the requirements of other national boards such as the Nurses Board.

I would appreciate you responding to this query as a matter of urgency in order that we can advise members of the status of their insurance. One option for our members would be to take out additional insurance to ensure that the standard is met.

Could you also advise of the date that psychologists in Victoria are required to have compliant insurance cover in place?

As there is no telephone contact for the Board on the website I have been unable to ring you.

I can be contacted on 9623 9625. If you are unable to respond in detail to the questions raised in this letter, I would appreciate you advising me of the name of the person I should be speaking to at the Psychology Board of Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosemary Kelly', with a long horizontal line extending from the start of the signature.

Dr Rosemary Kelly

Executive Officer

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