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Ms Rachel Phillips

Chair, Psychology Board of Australia

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Dear Ms Phillips,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Program Directors (Postgraduate Psychology Programs) at Macquarie University. As you may be aware Macquarie University offers accredited Postgraduate Programs in Clinical Psychology, Organisational Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology.

This letter is in reference to the proposed exemption to the National Exam for those students graduating from accredited higher degree programs. We are strongly in favour of such a proposal for the following reasons:

- APAC accreditation standards for Psychology Programs include that we meet the Board's standards to gain and maintain APAC accreditation including assessing competencies relating to public safety.
- The content, skills and competencies required to become a Psychologist are extensively assessed during enrolment. Where programs are accredited by APAC we believe that this is sufficient to be considered compliant.
- A permanent exemption would remove the need to divert resources into on-going discussions and review of proposals on a regular basis.

Yours sincerely,

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