Subject: Fw: Objection to PBA Consultation Paper

Dear Psych Board of Australia

I am an Organisational Psychologist, Fellow of the APS, with PhD qualifications and 30 years experience working in this profession. I am appalled to read how Organisational Psychology, as well as Sports Psychology, Educational, Forensic, Environmental and other streams have been ignored by the PBA in its Consultation Paper.

To state simply, it is ludicrous to state that all psychologists, as requirement for registration, need to be able ' to deliver psychotherapy for mental health patients using focussed psychological strategies'. To use a medical analogy, this is the same as saying anyone to be qualified within the medical profession needs to be able to be specific and specialised surgery. Certain specialists have these skills to meet the demands of patients with specific needs.

The focus of the competencies required for registration is intervention based and irresponsibly ignores the range of psychological services focussed on enhancing productivity and well being. As an Organisational Psychologist, I work with individuals self referred and within companies to optimise their self esteem, sense of achievement and psychological health.

On what grounds does the PBA ignore these professions? I ask you to think carefully about the chaos which will result if this occurs.

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