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The Chair
Psychologist Board of Australia

Dear Mr Grenyer

I am writing to alert you to the role of counselling psychologists as experts in the field of diagnosis and treatment of mental health disorders. We provide individual and frequently couple and family psychotherapy. I am aware that the P.B.A are interested in suggestions for improving descriptions of the areas of practice in section 3.1.3. and suggestions for specific core capabilities associated with areas of practice that align to the Board's 8 competency areas (a-h).

The attachment provided above is the Domains of Knowledge of Counselling Psychologists as described by the Australian Psychological Society. These highlight the skills, competencies and the capability of members of our group. Research shows that expertise in mental health forms the bulk of practice for counselling psychologists that we are highly skilled and experts in the use of evidence based treatment.

Please consider amending your definition of counselling psychologists in the endorsed areas of practice.

Yours Sincerely

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