



Attention: Chair; Psychology Board of Australia.

I thank you for this opportunity to contribute feedback on the proposed changes to the Registration of Psychologist in NSW and Nationally.

I commend your efforts to standardise registration procedures across the nation and lift the measurable competencies within the profession.

However your may wish to consider the following:

1. Due the complexity and predicted expense of the new procedures I will drop my Registration as a Nurse in NSW [one less nurse in regional NSW].
2. There are very particular difficulties in meeting the new Psychology Registration commitments in the remote rural setting that I live in. How will your provisions assist me in maintaining a service to my community?
3. There is care needed in that the Registration Requirements do not impinge on the professions duty to direct itself. Registration of any health care professional is separate from the specific profession's self development.
4. As a practitioner, I can not clearly delineate the difference in most of the Professional Development requirements between my "generalist" role and my specialist "sport psychology" role as envisaged in the new structure. How will I comply to these requirements in isolated NSW?
5. There will need to be close liaison with universities as to the training of psychologists. We don't want to have a situation where we have people requiring *on-the-job-training* after 6 years full time university, like we do now with people after 4 years training [the graduates don't come out ready to start].

Yours

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