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Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you in support of the proposals set out in the "Psychology Board of Australia" consultation paper issued on 27 October 2009.

I am of the opinion that the consultation paper presents an objective overview of both Australian and overseas registration practices, and commend the Board's various proposals, especially in relation to specialist registration.

I strongly agree with the Board's view of the need to protect the public through specialist registration. I also support the requirement of a doctorate degree as an eligibility requirement (Option 3 as outlined in Attachment C). Psychology is an extremely diverse field, and structured training within a (College-approved) postgraduate degree is the only way to ensure the competence of a psychologist holding a specialist title.

I also support the grandparent clause that would allow current College members who hold a master's degree (which has been the prevalent specialist training model in Australia) to qualify for specialist registration under the proposed framework.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

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