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Attention: Chair, Psychology Board of Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the "Psychology Board of Australia" consultation paper dated 27th October 2009.

I strongly support the Board's decision to have specialist registration. I also agree with Dr Deborah Wilmoth (9th November 2009) that given APAC accreditation standards are generic across doctoral degrees regardless of specialisation, the clause in Attachment C should read "eligibility for specialist registration requires possession of an APAC-accredited *and College-approved* doctorate degree". The specialist registration needs to be in the same specialist area that the postgraduate qualifications have been obtained, not another specialist area.

I also support a grandparent clause that would allow current College of Clinical Psychologist members who hold a master's degree to be eligible for specialist registration and Clinical Psychologist status for medicare under the new system.

Yours faithfully,

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