From: Leigh Ritchie [mailto:lritchie@manritch.com] Sent: Wednesday, 22 December 2010 9:23 AM To: NationalBoards Subject: Area of Practice Endorsements

My name is Leigh Ritchie and I have been practising as a "Counselling Psychologist" for 26 years, the first ten at Marriage Guidance NSW (now called Relationships Australia) and the last 16 years in full time private practice.

I have a BA in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Counselling from Macquarie University, and have undertaken numerous courses and training workshops over the years to build up my expertise.

I strongly object to the fact that there is no grandfather clause in the re-organising of Psychologists for practitioners like me to come under the category "Counselling Psychologist".

Yours faithfully,

Leigh Ritchie.