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Professor Brin Grenyer
Chair, Psychologists Registration Board of Australia

Dear Professor Grenyer,

Re: Consultation paper 18: Guidelines for the National Psychology Examination

The Psychology Foundation is a grouping of research-oriented university schools of Psychology that was created to promote rigorous and internationally competitive standards in the education of psychologists and a scientific basis for professional practice. We have therefore a direct interest in the operation of the National Psychology Examination.

Our previous submission to considerations of the curriculum for this examination highlighted several issues and it is pleasing to see that the revised guidelines have moved closer to our suggestions. There is one outstanding issue. We agree with the decision to exempt graduates from accredited Master's programmes from the need to sit the examination, as an accredited programme should already provide a broad range of assessment and coverage of the profession sufficient to meet the standards assessed by the examination. There is no merit in performing this assessment twice. For this reason we question the need to re-evaluate this decision in 2016. The aim of programme accreditation should always be to render such an additional examination unnecessary. We strongly urge the Psychologists Board of Australia to ensure that is the case and to not require graduates from such programmes to sit the examination.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Psychology Foundation of Australia.

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