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To Whom It May Concern

RE: *Area Of Practice Endorsements*

As a member of the College of Counselling Psychologists, I am concerned with the definition and associated competencies for counselling psychology, as they appear in the Psychology Board's consultation paper. I support the attached document developed by the College, in conjunction with counselling psychology program coordinators. I believe the amended definition of counselling psychology and associated competencies more accurately reflects the teaching and practice of counselling psychology in Australia and is aligned with recognised international standards for counselling psychology.

In my work as a psychologist in private practice I draw on my many years of training and experience in dealing with mental health issues in the community. The current definition and associated competencies for Counselling Psychology significantly underplay the capacity and training of the Counselling Psychologists in working in mental health issues.

Yours faithfully

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