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Re: Public consultation paper 26: Area of practice endorsements

Dear Board Members

I wish to give my support for the revised competency statements provided to you by the *Association of Counselling Psychologists* and the *APS College of Counselling Psychologists*.

I have read their updated description and list of competency statements and believe it is an accurate representation of the training, research and practice of Counselling Psychology.

I work in a university counselling service staffed equally by psychologists endorsed in either Clinical or Counselling Psychology, some have both. We are employed in the same capacity, there is no distinction in our roles based on whether we are endorsed in clinical or counselling psychology.

The service supports clients dealing with a range of issues including depression, anxiety, personality disorders, trauma, psychosis, eating disorders, relationship concerns, and sexuality issues among others.

The inclusion of competency statements relating to mental health assessment, case-formulation, and appropriate evidence based care is a more accurate reflection of the work I do.

I hope this information assists in your consideration of the definition.

Yours sincerely

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Area of Practice Endorsement – Counselling Psychology

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