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Re: Public consultation paper 26: Area of practice endorsements

Dear Board members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input on the definition of counselling psychology.

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.

Having read their updated description and list of competency statements it is my opinion that this revision more accurately reflects the nature of our training, research, and practice in the specialised domain of counselling psychology.

The inclusion of competency statements relating to mental health assessment, case-formulation, and appropriate evidence-based care (including couple therapy), is a far better reflection of the postgraduate training I received and the clinical reality of the work carried out by Counselling Psychologists today.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

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