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Dear National Board Chairs

National Boards' proposed revised professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standards

Thank you for your joint letter of 30 November 2018 seeking approval of revised professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements registration standards.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 3 June 2019, to approve the revised registration standards as recommended by the National Boards and as listed below:

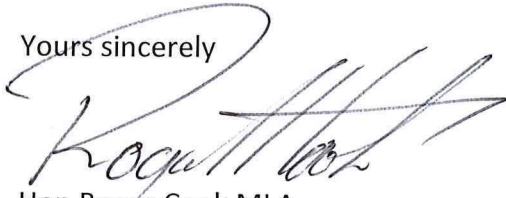
- (a) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia. Registration standard: professional indemnity insurance arrangements
- (b) Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. Registration standard: professional indemnity insurance arrangements
- (c) Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. Registration standard: professional indemnity insurance arrangements
- (d) Psychology Board of Australia. Registration standard: professional indemnity insurance arrangements

In approving the revised PII registration standards, Ministers noted your advice that a risk-based approach drawing on research and experiences of other National Boards as well as additional research, other sources of information and consultation with stakeholders was taken during their development. As a result, we note the higher level of consistency across the revised registration standards and commend the Boards on continuing to take a cross-profession approach to setting the core requirements in these registration standards. We look forward to this approach continuing to be used in future scheduled reviews.

Ministers also noted the proposed approach to implementing the approved revised registration standards – that is, that the standards will commence approximately six (6) months after approval is received and align as much as possible with the renewal cycles for each profession to enable advance notice to be given where there are changes from the existing standards.

Thank you for bringing the National Boards' proposals to Ministerial Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', written over a large, light blue circular scribble.

Hon Roger Cook MLA
Chair
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30 June 2019