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To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Determination to make the higher degree exemption from sitting the exam permanent**

This letter is to present our position on the Psychology Board of Australia's proposal to make the higher degree exemption from sitting the exam permanent.

As noted by the Board, there have been substantive changes of late, including the incorporation of competency-based outcomes and guidelines on public safety in the 2019 APAC guidelines, which align teaching in accredited clinical psychology postgraduate degrees with the National Law. These changes equate the attributes of graduate provisional psychologists training via the higher degree pathway, creating fairness across all pathways to general registration. We agree with this position.

The clinical psychology teaching staff fully support this proposal to make the higher degree exemption for the national exam permanent.

Yours sincerely,

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