

17 February 2016

Hi AHPRA board members,

This email is to state that I am supportive of the Counselling College's revised definition and associated competencies and that I believe this more accurately reflects the training and practice of counselling psychology. Please find attached the revised document for my submission. As a Counselling psychologist working for the Victims Compensation tribunal (as an authorised report writer and psychologist), a holistic approach as outlined in the revised document attached is essential for a comprehensive psychological assessment of clients across the lifespan to enable an accurate assessment for compensation. Such a comprehensive assessment requires more than just clinical knowledge and application of clinical techniques when working with mental health disorders and with couples; but requires **in addition**, a capacity to assist the client to enhance their own healing which comes from the interaction of counsellor and client in therapy. This skill is not to be underestimated and requires more than a clinical assessment alone. Please accept the document attached as a more accurate reflection of skills required. Thanks.

Katherine