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To: psychconsultation@ahpra.gov.au

I am writing in support of the College of Counselling Psychologists' revised definition and associated competencies (please find attached with this document).

I believe this revised definition more accurately reflects the training and practice in Counselling Psychology.

As a Psychologist currently undertaking the Registrar pathway leading to endorsement as a Counselling Psychologist, I can attest that many aspects of my work as a Counselling Psychologist Registrar, are consistent with the revised definition. A full description of such work is too exhaustive for the purpose of this document of support, however some brief examples are outlined below for your consideration.

- The provision of Psychological Counselling for members of the public, family members, couples counselling, reports for legal matters such as Victims of Crime and Work Cover claims
- The provision of Psychological Well being services within the Corrections/Justice system and Psychological interventions for those working in various sectors in the community such as Victoria Police, Educational Services; Primary, Secondary and Tertiary. This work requires knowledge of the range of issues outlined in the revised definition of associated competencies
- The provision of psychological interventions with a number of clients who also receive treatment from Psychiatrists and the need for knowledge of the implications of psychopharmacology treatment is vital.

I do trust that the revised definition and associated competencies of Counselling Psychologists will be given significant consideration and will be accepted and endorsed.

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