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Dear Chair,

Much has been written by Heads of Schools as individuals and as members of HODSPA, by the Foundation Schools of Psychology, and I have no doubt, from other interested parties re the proposal for Limited Registration. I will not add another tome to this correspondence but make several key points to argue against the introduction of this category of registration (in point form).

- It is based on a flawed definition of psychological practice
- The definition clearly reads like it is designed to capture as many individuals (particularly in universities) as possible and raises suspicions that the exercise is designed to extend the funding base of the Board
- The definition (and therefore the proposal) fails to recognise the distinction between the profession and the discipline of psychology.
- The proposal does not meet the key test of purpose of registration in that it cannot be argued it is designed to protect the public in any obvious and direct fashion
- It has the potential to cause immense problems for HOS in staffing teaching programs and also in the research domain that is not directly related to professional programs (eg clinical research)
- The processes of compliance and monitoring are potentially very problematic and time consuming
- And in short, it is a totally unnecessary and potentially problematic development.

I do hope the Board considers very carefully what I expect to be large a volume of negative sentiment re this proposal and drops the concept.

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