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Subject: Feedback

Dear Brin,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed revisions to the guidelines on areas of practice endorsements. I have previously written to you about these endorsements and my colleague Dr Judy Hyde has sent in a submission as [President of ACPA](#).

I want to focus my attention on the use of titles. It is absolutely imperative that we preserve the level and standard of training of our clinical psychology trainees when undertaking clinical rotations outside the university. With over 34 years of continuous clinical practice in both the public and private sectors, it is essential that this standard be the same as a registrar in psychiatry. In hospitals, medical students do placements, interns treat under strict supervision guidelines and registrars take on much more complex cases with appropriate responsibility. We do not want to downgrade our trainees to undertaking a placement – such a title is open to any interpretation.

I, for one, would clearly prefer the title of registrar in clinical psychology but if not possible then clinical psychology interns.

If we accept the Board's title of 'provisionally registered psychologist on placement' will set our profession back 50 years and undo all the good work many of us have done over the past decades to up-life our standard. A final important point. Students on placement will never get paid, interns and registrars do. For the outstanding clinical work our DCP trainees provide for State Health, they deserve to be paid just like their medical counterparts. There is no justification as to why such discrimination exists. Having them labelled as placements will hinder their chances of paid clinical internships in future.

Best regards,
Stephen