



24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Professor Brin Grenyer,  
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Dear Professor Grenyer,

We refer to the proposal to retire the 4+2 pathway to general registration.

We are very concerned to learn that you are proposing to hold a webinar on 17<sup>th</sup> May to discuss this proposal. It appears that participation in this webinar is by invitation only and invitations have only been issued to selected recipients which we believe to be entirely inappropriate.

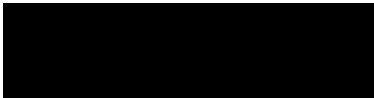
This represents an opportunity to create a supposedly “open” consultation that will deliver a predetermined result.

Consultation on this important matter should be genuinely open to the profession and should be conducted by holding a series of meetings throughout the country to enable practitioners and interested parties to contribute to the ongoing development of professional practice in psychology.

Our members are strongly in support of maintaining the 4+2 pathway for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that one of the biggest problems being experienced in transitioning Psych Graduates to a professional role is helping them make the shift from student to psychologist. We understand that research shows 4+2 interns are much better psychologists because they spend 2 years in a collegiate relationship learning from an experienced psychologist.

We urge you to cancel the webinar and conduct a series of meetings throughout Australia, including some rural and regional areas, to enable adequate consultation on this important topic.

Yours Faithfully

  
Paul J Stevenson OAM, President

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