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Dear Dr Phillips,

I am writing on behalf of the below-signed cohort of students whom commenced study in the Master of Clinical Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology programs at Griffith University (Mount Gravatt campus) in 2019. We are pleased the Board is seeking feedback on the consultation paper reviewing the Guidelines for the national psychology examination (NPE).

We agree with the preferred option of the board to make the following changes to the NPE guidelines:

- i. to separate the Guidelines into a guideline and a manual, and
- ii. to determine to make the higher degree exemption from sitting the exam permanent.

We thank the Board for their consideration of the various matters that determine the NPE Guidelines. We believe that the thorough accreditation and oversight of programs in the higher education pathway to registration provides sufficient protection to the public. For provisional psychologists trained via this pathway, the NPE is an unnecessary duplication of competency assessment already demonstrated in the training program. It is notable that the NPE exemption for provisional psychologists trained via the higher education pathway has been in place since 2013, with no issues identified by the Board in that time.

Furthermore, the proposal to separate the NPE Guidelines into a guideline and a manual will provide greater clarity regarding regulatory and operational information for candidates required to sit and pass the NPE prior to achieving general registration.

Yours sincerely,

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