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To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Consultation Paper 33: Review of the Guidelines for the National Psychology Exam**

We write in regard to the Psychology Board of Australia's new consultation regarding the National Psychology Examination. In particular, the Board's proposal to make the higher degree exemption for sitting the exam permanent, meaning that graduates with a board approved post-graduate qualification accredited at the fifth and sixth year of study will not be required to pass the exam before applying for general registration.

We welcome and support this proposal. Students completing a fifth and sixth year accredited sequence are frequently assessed to ensure they are meeting required competencies with assessment taking the form of written material (including essays, reflections and exams), role plays, video interviews, placement case reports (written and verbal), case presentations, objective structured clinical examinations and examination of their research project/ thesis. If students are capable of passing all requirements of an APAC accredited program then they are appropriately qualified for registration.

Additionally, students who choose to pursue a career in the psychology profession through a fifth and sixth year program incur considerable costs for doing so. The costs include provisional registration, fees for the course, and loss of income as they are very restricted in the number of hours per week they are able to seek employment. The further cost of sitting the National Psychology Exam seems an unnecessary additional burden for students studying within accredited programs and who complete frequent assessments.

Thank you in advance for your consultation. We look forward to the outcome.

Yours faithfully,

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