



24 December 2010

Attention: Chair
Psychology Board of Australia
GPO Box 9958
Melbourne Victoria 3001

Dear Professor Grenyer,

**Re: Guidelines on area of practice endorsements &
Limited registration for teaching or research**

Following teleconference with the Health Workforce Principal Committee (HWPC), we are writing to the Psychology Board of Australia to state Western Australia (WA) Health's position with regards to:

- i) Consultation paper 6 – Proposed registration standard – Limited registration for teaching or research
- ii) Exposure draft: Guidelines on area of practice endorsements

WA Health supports the proposed registration standard for limited registration for teaching or research issued by the Psychology Board of Australia.

WA Health also supports the guidelines on area of practice endorsements issued by the Board. This includes the use of title, qualifications for endorsement, the registrar program to gain an endorsement, board approved supervisors, examination and application for endorsement.

More specifically, WA Health supports the general conditions for Board-approved supervisors whereby supervisors for the purposes of endorsement in an approved area of practice must hold endorsement in the approved area for at least two years before commencing supervision. We acknowledge that South Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania may need some flexibility from the Board to allow them to develop a workforce of endorsed supervisors. New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland may also need time to put such a practice into place. We would support the Board allowing flexibility in implementation to assist all jurisdictions in meeting this requirement.

Yours sincerely

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