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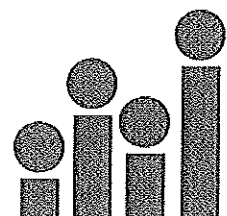
Re: Public consultation paper 26: Area of practice endorsements

Dear Board members,

I am writing this in support of the proposed competency statements provided by both the Association of Counselling Psychologists and the APS College of Counselling Psychologists. In my view the revised competency statements provide a correct representation of the practices and skills employed by Counselling Psychologists.

I have been working as a Counselling Psychologist for over ten years in both the private and public domain. I have provided clinical assessment, diagnosis and evidence based treatment to persons across the lifespan, from very young children to elderly adults. Clients have presented with a wide range of psychological difficulties and diagnoses including (but not limited to) developmental disorders, trauma disorders, anxiety disorders, depressive disorders, bi-polar disorders and personality disorders. I regularly work with individuals, couples and family groups as well as liaise with related government and private parties.

I believe it is extremely important to accurately reflect the competencies and utility of Counselling Psychologists and (to reiterate) I am completely supportive of the revised competency statements proposed by the bodies which represent Counselling Psychologists



Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Baldwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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