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Dear Ms Phillips

Approval of the revised registration standard for area of practice endorsements

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2019, on behalf of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board), submitting the Board's proposal to update the registration standard for area of practice endorsements (the proposed revised registration standard).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 19 September 2019 to approve the revised registration standard as recommended by the Board.

In approving the revised registration standard, Ministers noted your advice that the proposed changes to the registration standard are minor, but importantly will allow new bridging qualifications to be recognised for endorsement of registration. Ministers also noted that these minor revisions are distinct from your long-term education and training reform agenda, which involves an extensive review of areas of practice endorsement in psychology.

We understand that the Board will now work with AHPRA to implement the approved revised standard, guidelines and associated documents as soon as practicable, and within six months of receiving this approval from the Ministerial Council. We are pleased that the Board is finalising its implementation strategies and communications to ensure a smooth transition for registrants and other stakeholders. Thank you for also providing the Board's revised Guidelines for area of practice endorsement, which we have noted.

Thank you for bringing the Board's proposal to Ministerial Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Cook", is written over a large, stylized blue flourish that starts with a large loop and extends across the width of the signature area.

Hon Roger Cook MLA

Chair, COAG Health Council

30 September 2019