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Dear Professor Grenyer

Re: Public consultation - Revised guidelines for supervisors and supervisor training providers

APAC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a response to the public consultation paper seeking feedback on the Review of the Guidelines for supervisors and supervisor training programs.

APAC supports the Psychology Board's Option 2 (two new guidelines), which we note is the Board's preferred option. We believe that the proposal to simplify the arrangements by combining the current Board-approved supervisor categories into one (all except for the registrar program) and aligning their registration requirements is sensible. We also support the proposals regarding the Guidelines for supervisors and Guidelines for supervisor training providers in regards to the refusal or revocation of status.

In regard to the proposed registration requirement for higher degree placement supervisors (excluding fifth year in 5+1 pathway), the APAC Board notes the determination that it is now appropriate to remove the requirement to have held endorsement in the relevant area of practice from the PsyBA guidelines and allow this matter to be addressed through the accreditation process. The APAC Board supports the proposal that higher degree providers are responsible for ensuring that they meet the additional supervisor requirements set out in the accreditation standards.

Yours sincerely

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