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Attention Mr Simon Spence
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Dear Simon

Re: AHPRA Public Consultation Paper on the Accreditation Committees revised draft accreditation standards

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum) would like to thank you for including it in its stakeholder list for consultation regarding the draft accreditation standards and processes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Accreditation Committee, Chinese Medicine Accreditation Committee, and the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee.

The Forum recognises that there are efficiencies in managing the consultation process for the three committees in a concurrent and streamlined manner. This process has delivered a set of clear and well thought-out draft accreditation standards. The Forum in particular notes the integration of expected information for inclusion by education providers – requirements that are not onerous but nevertheless provide a substantial basis for discussion with accreditation authorities and teams.

The Forum would also point out that there is a balance to be achieved between the requirements of efficiency and the specific requirements of each profession. Gradual convergence of standards can indicate efforts by professions to achieve regulatory alignment, but standards uniformity can raise questions about regulatory independence. The Forum supports processes which reflect an appropriate balance of these regulatory objectives.

Yours sincerely

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