

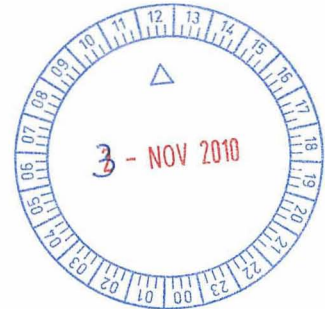


# Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

## PUBLIC

29 October 2010

The Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment  
& Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Minister Ellis

### **RESPONSE TO ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY AND HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY UNDER THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 2010 to the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council and the accompanying petition concerning the area of endorsement of Community Psychology and Health Psychology under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council thanks the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs for raising concerns about the area of practice endorsements in psychology under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme from 1 July 2010. Health Ministers note that the Standing Committee is advocating for the approval of Community Psychology and Health Psychology as areas of practice in accordance with the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*.

Health Ministers are appreciative of the health services provided by psychologists and value the feedback that has been received to date on this matter.

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council recently decided to refer this matter to the Health Workforce Principal Committee for consideration. This committee has been established by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council to provide advice to Ministers on National Health Workforce issues. Your correspondence has been provided to the Health Workforce Principal Committee.

Thank you for highlighting your Standing Committee's concerns about the area of practice endorsements in psychology under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Yours sincerely

The Hon John Hill  
Chair, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council  
Minister for Health, South Australia

cc: Chair, Health Workforce Principal Committee