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Dear Associate Professor Gough

Approval of Paramedicine Board of Australia's inaugural registration standards

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2018, on behalf of the Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board), recommending approval of the following registration standards for the paramedicine profession:

- a. registration standard: criminal history
- b. registration standard: English language skills
- c. registration standard: professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements
- d. registration standard: continuing professional development (CPD)
- e. registration standard: recency of practice arrangements
- f. registration standard: grandparenting.

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 13 April 2018, to approve the registration standards as recommended by the Board.

In approving the registration standards, Ministers noted advice from the Board that it undertook wide-ranging consultation with stakeholders, and has drawn on the publications, experiences, and the cross professional work undertaken by other National Boards to develop the core registration standards required for national registration. As a result we understand that the registration standards are largely consistent with the equivalent registration standards of the other 14 National Boards that have been in effect (and reviewed) for some time, while also being relevant for this profession.

Ministers also note that the Board's grandparenting registration standard is to support and guide paramedics who will seek registration under the time-limited grandparenting provisions of the National Law, and that this is also consistent with the approach taken in 2011/12 by the other National Boards who were tasked with transitioning their professions to the national scheme.

Ministers also agreed with the Board's proposal that the approved registration standards commence on publication, along with guidelines and explanatory and supporting material. We understand that this will enable advance notice to be given to paramedics about registration requirements and help the Board and AHPRA prepare to process applications for registration prior to the commencement of national regulation of the profession.

Thank you for recommending that the registration standard be approved by the Ministerial Council. Ministers would like to acknowledge this important milestone and commend the

Board on the progress that is being made to support a smooth transition for paramedics to regulation under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

We trust that our approval of the inaugural registration standards will help the Board continue its work with AHPRA and support further communication and engagement with paramedics and other stakeholders in the lead up to national registration commencing later this year.

Yours sincerely



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