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JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE

(A tripartite committee of the Australian Medical Acupuncture College (AMAC),
The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM))

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Dr Joanna Flynn AM
Chair Medical Board of Australia
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
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Dear Dr Flynn,

Re: Proposed registration standard for doctors practising medical acupuncture

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the consultation meeting to discuss the draft registration standard last week.

We confirm the results of discussions at the meeting –

- Arrangements for the proposed registration standard will proceed.
- A final document will be produced by the Board.
- The Medical Board of Australia (MBA) will consult further on the form of any paperwork and process via Joint Consultative Committee on Medical Acupuncture (JCCMA).
- The suggestion regarding Australian Medical Council (AMC) approval of accredited courses will be progressed separately in the future.
- The Board agreed to accept self certified continuing professional development (CPD) attendance for non VRGPs (on appropriate documents from accredited CPD providers) thereby removing the necessity for a GP College to report on the CPD. The MBA will audit individual reporting outside of the VRGP stream.

The JCCMA and the three Colleges participating in this committee are pleased with the proposed registration standard and have no further feedback to put forward via the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

DR PAUL COUGHLAN
Chair
Joint Consultative Committee on Medical Acupuncture