

With regard to the Exposure Draft, I would like to make the following comments in relation to **Student Registration:**

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Under current legislation in South Australia, a student entering a pharmacy program of study (or other health professional degrees covered by similar legislation) registers with the Pharmacy Board of South Australia.

The onus is on the student to do so and the Board provides a list of registrants to the University. If unregistered, a student cannot continue to be enrolled; if taking leave of absence from study, the student notifies the Board and registration is suspended for the period of leave. Central administration of the University notifies the Board if a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the pharmacy program.

- Further, as part of this registration process, the student provides a statutory declaration relating to presence/lack of any physical or mental impairment, substance use disorders, and court or police matters (past, current and pending).

Putting the onus on the student to provide this information via statutory declaration appears to be a more streamlined process than that proposed in *Exposure Draft Bill B*.

(2)

## **Division 2 Making a complaint**

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- Why do the grounds for complaints against students not include 'not [being] a fit and proper person' (as for health practitioners)?

## **Re: Division 3 Other matters to be taken to be complaints**

### **156 Mandatory reporting by health practitioners**

This section only applies to practitioners and not students. It is unclear why this is the situation, as most of the legislation covers both practitioners *and* students.

- Is it intended that health practitioners (who are also student educators) have a mandatory reporting responsibility in relation to students?

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