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To Whom it may Concern:

Submission regarding National Registration and Accreditation Scheme-Bill B

I am the Head of Psychology at Peninsula Health in Frankston and I would like to submit my concerns regarding some of the issues outlined in the Bill.

I am concerned that Mandatory Reporting could impact on self reporting by practitioners and reduce the potential for the practitioner to get support and help. I was at the forum and I have read the full Bill B draft but I still have concerns about the potential for over-reporting. Although the Bill assumes that only legitimate reports will be taken up, I am concerned about how long this may take and what will happen to the practitioner in the mean-time.

I am concerned about the Seizure of Information as it was unclear in the Bill as to whether the information seized would be via a warrant or through a subpoenas or whether the investigators can just come and seize documents without either legal arm.

It is not clear whether psychological testing will be protected under the new Bill and I believe that Psychologists would require reassurance that such testing will remain protected.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours Sincerely

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