



ACT Psychologists Board

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Dear Ms Nardi

I am writing on behalf of the ACT Psychologists Board (the Board).

Thank you for your letter to all boards dated 13 August, seeking comment in relation to a number of matters pertaining to the pending national registration and accreditation scheme for health professionals. The letter was considered at our last Board meeting, Tuesday 2 September 2008. We would like to provide comment in regard to two matters raised in your letter.

1. The size and composition of the national board for our profession, Psychology.

We strongly urge the committee to ensure ALL states and territories are represented on the new national board for our profession. It would be disappointing and disadvantages for the ACT if we were not represented on the national board. Adequate representation would require the board to have eight professional representatives, one from each state and territory. This requirement would then provide guidance around the size and composition of the board to ensure thorough and fair representation for all registrants.

2. Accreditation function.

I would encourage consideration of the inclusion of suitable representative from New Zealand in forming an accreditation committee for psychology. Our professions current arrangements have NZ as part of the accreditation group and given that we have mutual recognition of qualifications in this field, it would seem advantages to continue having our NZ counterparts involved in a suitable way in our accreditation process.

Thank you for giving the Board the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa Hamilton
President
3 September 2008