



Psychologists Registration Board of Tasmania

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Dear Ms Nardi

**Re: Consultation Paper on
Issues Supplementary to the Intergovernmental Agreement on a
National Registration and Accreditation Scheme**

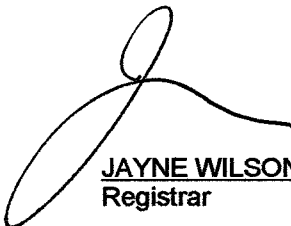
I refer to your letter of 13 August 2008 inviting comment on matters which are to be included in the first Bill for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

The Psychologists Registration Board of Tasmania has reviewed the consultation paper and wishes to make the following submissions:

1. The national board for psychology should consist of nine members and be made up of six psychologists and three community members.
2. Appointments should be such that there is a balance of representation between small and large jurisdictions.
3. One community member should have legal experience.
4. The board should be named the Psychology Board of Australia as it will be responsible for the setting of practice and accreditation standards for the profession of psychology.
5. The Board supports the use of the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council as the body to undertake the accreditation functions under the new Scheme, provided it meets the guidelines detailed in the Intergovernmental Agreement and accredits against standards set by the national board.
6. The national psychology board should be responsible for the setting of standards of accreditation.

If you require any further clarification on these submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Registrar