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Subject
"Information Sharing and Privacy Submission, Attention: Practitioner
Regulation Subcommittee"

I am reading the proposals concerning identity checking in this document.

"Under current registration arrangements, the number of detected cases of identity fraud is low compared to the number of registrants, due in part to the relatively small number of professionals against whom checks are made."

As expressed by myself at National Rural Health Alliance Councilfest I believe that it is most appropriate for full identity checking to occur, and that registrants are issued with photographic identity cards.

It may not be a large problem in urban practice, but in rural practice there is a great opportunity for identity fraud. Employing agencies may be hundreds of kilometres from the employment site and completely unknown persons "come in to Town" to practice Medicine, Nursing, Physio. There is no practical means for checking identity, and this is compounded by women with dual identities like myself, whose photo ID cards are for another name.

I find it very basic that in order to allow anyone to practice in any profession, that we need to know that the qualifications which have been verified actually belong to the physical person in front of us.

On a second matter
"Information to be collected for workforce planning purposes"

I have ceased filling in any of these forms.
They are an absolute waste of my time. I have filled in these forms over 30 years and three States, and no one has taken any notice of them, except that if medical practitioners are silly enough to work excessive hours that workforce agencies assume this is normal behaviour.

Don't bother forcing me to fill in any of these forms. When something actually happens about workforce, or the lack of it, I will change my mind. Until then it is useless red tape, wastes my time because nothing ever changes.

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