

***National Registration and Accreditation Scheme
for the Health Professions***

Other matters for inclusion in Bill B

***Submission by the
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The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) represents the professional interests of pharmacists across the nation. It provides standards of practice, education, training and practice support for pharmacists and helps members of the profession to deliver quality health care to consumers.

PSA takes this opportunity to provide a submission on other matters for inclusion in Bill B under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions.

PSA's comments are presented in table format with cross referencing to the relevant section of the consultation paper.

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6	3.4	PSA notes the functions listed are not intended to be exhaustive. Nevertheless we wish to seek clarification if provisional approvals of courses of study are included under "course approval functions".
6	3.5	PSA supports the direction outlined in this section about having more flexible committee arrangements as we expressed concerns in earlier submissions regarding the complexities of proposed arrangements.
7	Bullet points	Regarding the "hearing panels", how does the proposed legislation deal with timeliness of decision making?
7	3.5.3	Would the panel be chaired by a member of the profession?
7	3.5.4	PSA agrees with the proposal that a panel should not include any person who was a member of the board or committee that took the decision to refer the matter to the panel.
9	4.1.2	PSA's preference is option 1.
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10	5	Other legislative schemes which may need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation covering advertising, for example, of therapeutic goods and of services provided by health professionals; • Fair trading / consumer affairs legislation; • Legislation requiring police checks of health professional employees and contractors (e.g. in aged care facilities).

(End of submission)