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Services for Australian
Rural and Remote Allied Health

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Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee
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National Health Ministers' Advisory Council

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of a submission by OT Australia National and the Council of Occupational Therapy Registration Boards (COTRB) regarding the National Registration of Occupational Therapists.

The Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH):

- is nationally recognised as a peak body representing rural and remote allied health professionals.
- provides support for allied health practitioners working in all sectors.
- advocates for rural and remote allied health professionals and allied health practice on local, state and national levels.

A national registration system of all occupational therapists across Australia is of significant importance to SARRAH. The current situation is unsatisfactory as occupational therapists in different States and Territories are required to comply with varying regulations and legislation.

SARRAH is of the opinion that the community health needs across Australia will be best met by having a national process of registration. This process would assist in ensuring that not only entrants into the profession are suitably qualified but professional learning and development is maintained.

SARRAH supports the joint submission regarding national registration.

Yours sincerely,

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