



Community and Public Sector Union
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Accreditation Arrangements Submission,
Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions
Consultation Paper Proposed Arrangements for Accreditation**

The Community and Public Sector Union represents Allied Health Professionals employment by the Commonwealth Public Service, and by the Territory governments. The CPSU has significant membership in health bodies including CRS Australia, Centrelink and Medicare.

The Consultation Paper discusses at length the role of registration fees in funding the operation of the Boards.

CPSU members at CRS Australia have raised concerns about the cost of registration fees and the type of continuing education that will be required under the scheme for annual registration.

CPSU members have also voiced concerns that the cost of registration will increase dramatically under the new scheme. Allied health professionals employed at CRS Australia already lag behind in terms of pay compared to many other APS agencies and other private employers of allied health professionals. Any increase in registration fees will cause even more financial hardship for those employed at CRS Australia.

Also some staff of CRS Australia are employed as rehabilitation consultations and do training relevant to their work in this role at CRS Australia. However concerns have been raised regarding whether that training would be included as part of any mandatory training requirements to maintain accreditation as a physiotherapist.

I hope that these concerns are taken into account in the final construction of the national scheme. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Kristin van Barneveld, Director of Policy and Research on (02) 82046930.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Jones
National Secretary