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Dear Ms Nardi

Proposed Arrangements for Accreditation

This submission is in response to the "CONSULTATION PAPER: Proposed arrangements for accreditation" issued by the Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee of the Health Workforce Principal Committee. The proposal put forward has my general support as it is important that accreditation processes are open, accountable and robust.

I am aware that the Victorian Health Services Commissioner has recommended that the Australian Medical Council's (AMC) accreditation process be adopted as a model to be used by other Boards in developing accreditation processes and governance. Despite the challenges that this might introduce for these Boards, I strongly support this recommendation. Accreditation agencies would need to actively engage with the Boards to implement such a model and this should be acknowledged as part of the proposal. This Commission also supports the proposals regarding powers and sub-delegation of powers.

For the proposal to be successfully implemented, it will require a commitment to train, guide and support the Boards through the process. This will be particularly the case with the Northern Territory Boards.

Yours sincerely,

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