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Proposed arrangements for specialists within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions

The Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (“ACPS”) would like to make comment on this paper as the body responsible for peer review and accreditation of podiatric surgeons.

We are in support of the provisions and additionally believe that, the ACPS is well placed to comply with the intent of this legislation. The ACPS accreditation program for podiatric surgeons has been continually and progressively developed for some years. The ACPS commends the current initiative by the Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee in further establishing clinical governance and specialist’s recognition on a National basis

The ACPS supports the protection of the title Podiatric Surgeon and feels the processes to allow recognition of any future specialities outlined in the consultation paper, are adequate.

The current accreditation program conducted by the ACPS provides a suitable framework in training, and ongoing professional development, including such areas as, clinical audit and peer review to act as an appropriate model for specialty training in podiatry.

However, the ACPS will be pleased to see a standardised approach and model for regulation of specialists and speciality training. We look forward to working with the government and the National Podiatry Board to ensure that the intent of the IGA is met with respect to specialisation in podiatry”.

Yours sincerely

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