

# COUNCIL OF OPTOMETRY REGISTRATION AUTHORITIES Inc.

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Mr Peter Boyce  
Acting Chair  
Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee  
Health Workforce Principal Committee

Dear Mr Boyce

## **SPECIALISTS ARRANGEMENTS SUBMISSION**

Within the profession of optometry in Australia, only NSW, through Section 19 of the Optometrists Act 2002, has legislation that provides for the Board to approve applications for use of the title specialist. Presently, there are eleven optometrists with specialist endorsement.

Due to funding and constitutional impediments, OCANZ, the optometry profession's accreditation body, has not been prevailed upon in the past to accredit specialist training. This may change post 1 July 2010, depending upon the view adopted by the new national board and the Ministerial Council with regard to specialist endorsement within optometry.

Overall, CORA supports the proposals contained within the consultation paper.

Yours faithfully

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