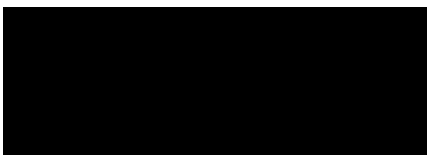




Submissions from New Zealand Chiropractic Board (NZCB) to the Chiropractic Board of Australia (CBA) – consultation on review of accreditation arrangements - May 2018

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions in relation to the consultation on future accreditation arrangements.
2. The NZCB is aware that this consultation is being conducted across the professions.
3. As you will be aware, the CCEA, as with many other accreditation bodies, is a joint accreditation body for both New Zealand and Australia; it is dually funded by both countries. With that in mind, the NZCB is surprised and disappointed that the consultation document (understood to be the same document for all professions) is silent on consideration of New Zealand regulators' "ownership" of shared accreditation bodies.
4. The NZCB is not aware of any intent on the CBA's part to cease use of the CCEA as its external accreditation body, nor does the NZCB have any such intent at this time. However the NZCB asks that a requirement be built into the consideration process, and/or suggests that a new clause be added to existing MOUs, to ensure that National Boards that share accreditation functions with their New Zealand counterparts, and are considering any change to their arrangements, must raise this with their New Zealand counterpart at the first available opportunity, to allow time for discussion and, if necessary, implementation of alternative arrangements for New Zealand.
5. In the NZCB's view, the CCEA offers an excellent service, with specialist, profession-specific knowledge of international training and standards in chiropractic. The NZCB is strongly in favour of continuing the current arrangement.

Yours sincerely



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