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To: [Specialist IMG Pathways Review](#)
Subject: 'Public Consultation on the Revised Registration Standard: Specialist Registration'
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Dear AHPRA Review Committee,

My name is [REDACTED] a consultant psychiatrist who lives and works in Perth, WA.

I wish to make a submission on this public consultation.

I express my support for the proposed goal of bringing in overseas trained SIMGs (Specialist International Medical Graduates) from competent pathway countries into Australia, and within 6 months granting them specialist recognition. This will certainly provide Australians with more specialists and reduce wait times for patients to see a specialist.

I however also wish to recommend that AHPRA should include in this scheme, a cohort of Australian SIMGs who have been practicing here for years and have not been accorded specialist recognition by their colleges for various reasons, even though they have recognized specialist qualifications from overseas countries. I believe that these overseas trained specialists should be given priority consideration for specialist recognition by AHPRA.

My reasons are as follows:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Some of these overseas trained specialists have been practicing safely in senior medical positions in Australia for upwards of 5 years or more (some up to 20 years). Some have even been involved in the training of registrars who have become specialists practicing as consultants and recognized as specialists by their colleges and AHPRA.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->The specialist statuses of these SIMGs have already been validated by their respective Australian colleges after assessing their overseas medical and specialist qualifications.

In conclusion, AHPRA should please consider these cohort of Australian SIMGs who have previously worked or are currently working in the Australian health system in senior medical positions like consultants, senior medical officers, senior medical practitioners and clinical directors. They have served this country for many years in the health system, and it is only fair and just that they should also be considered in the fast tracked/ expedited pathway for specialist recognition.

Yours faithfully,

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