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Dear Ahpra,

A few comments from a soon retiring doctor of nearly 40 years who may retire sooner thanks to above registration requirements.

I can understand your concern but who will pay for this?!

Perhaps patients whose doctors will have to spend more time away from their practice to fulfill requirements.

This year I already have 3 weekend courses lined up which is approximately 48 hours .

I think 40 hours a year would be adequate. Rural doctors on 1:3 call for instance would find it hard to fulfill the requirements as they need time off too, and rural doctors are scared than they were 30 years ago .

We are professionals self driven so writing aCPD plan for whoever is I think pretty insulting. My performance is reviewed everyday I am in the practice by staff and patients . This will be just more emails and pieces of paper flying around for dubious improvement. Outcomes is similar story unless one is in hospital.

This sounds like the well intentioned course we had 40 years ago called Behavioural Science in Medicine , we jumped through the hoops but forgot it after that , mores the pity .

So I would adapt your proposals to 30 to 40 hours per year with 50 % educational and 25%reviewing performance or outcomes .

Do not necessarily copy what happens "overseas" that is often a bad mistake . Customer surveys are the " in " thing at the moment- are we as professionals and our patients going to suffer from chronic surveyitis?!

Just to say I have enjoyed being a rural doctor and have tried to keep a good standard of medical practice-that comes from within oneself not from arbitrary authority.

Kind regards ,

Dr Colin Farquharson,

Rural Doctor of the Year ,2017.

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