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Dear Ms King

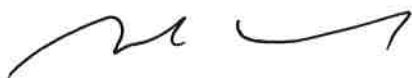
**CONSULTATION PAPER ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS**

Thank you for providing Health Workforce Australia (HWA) with the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Paper on International Criminal History Checks. HWA has reviewed the consultation paper from the perspective of workforce innovation and reform.

HWA understands the importance of providing for the protection of the public by ensuring that only health practitioners who are suitably trained and qualified to practice in a competent and ethical manner are registered. As such, HWA supports the National Boards in adopting an appropriate option. In particular, HWA would be in support of an option that contributes to the streamlining of the administration of registration pathways.

If you wish to discuss this matter further then please contact Claire Austin, Executive Director, International Health Professionals by telephoning 08 8409 4600.

Yours sincerely



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