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My discipline of Social Work is not presently registered with AHPRA but your call for consultation on international criminal history checking does highlight the fact that at present in the absence of such registration it is possible for individuals with extensive criminal records (international and national) to misrepresent themselves as social workers without penalty.

Some of the limitations to a lack of such registration are detailed in a recent publication with regard to Working with Children Cards:

Budiselik, W, Crawford, F & J Squelch (2009) The limits of Working with Children Cards in protecting children.
Australian Social Work 62(3)

Best wishes with your consultation and for a productive outcome

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