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Dear Mr Warnock

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2010 in relation to the proposal submitted by the Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) on mandatory registration standards, specialist registration, and endorsement for scheduled medicines.

Pursuant to section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law), as enacted by participating jurisdictions, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) has decided to approve the following registration standards submitted by the Board – with the approval taking effect on 1 July 2010 to coincide with the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:

- criminal history registration standard
- English language requirements registration standard
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard
- continuing professional development registration standard
- recency of practice registration standard.

Also, pursuant to section 13 of the National Law, the Ministerial Council has decided to approve that specialist registration operate for the podiatry specialty of podiatric surgery, and with the specialist title of 'podiatric surgeon'. This approval takes effect on 1 July 2010.

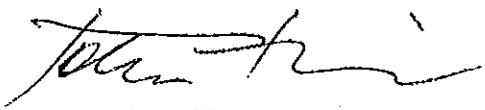
Further, in accordance with section 14 of the National Law, the Ministerial Council has decided to approve the Board's proposal for an endorsement in relation to scheduled medicines for eligible podiatrists, to take effect on 1 July 2010. The approval is for:

- *Class of health practitioners* - any person registered as a podiatrist under the National Law whose registration has been endorsed by the Board under section 94 of the National Law
- *Type of use* – endorsed as qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply, or use a class of scheduled medicines (as per below)
- *Class of scheduled medicines* – Schedule 2, 3, 4 or 8 medicines used for the treatment of podiatric conditions, included in the list approved and published by the Board.

I would like to congratulate the Board on submitting its final proposals for the podiatry profession in Australia to the Ministerial Council.

We trust that the Ministerial Council's decision to approve the registration standards and related proposals as outlined in this letter will assist the Board to implement the proposals in the lead-up to the national scheme's full commencement on 1 July 2010.

Yours sincerely



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