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Dear AHPRA

I read with a sinking heart your proposal to introduce new, more onerous CPD requirements.

As a regional GP, I can speak for many of my colleagues to say we already feel increasingly overworked, underpaid, and extremely undervalued.

The current RACGP CME scheme is already ensuring we stay up to date and reflect on our practice including performing clinical audits.

Why burden us with another 50 hours of unpaid bureaucracy?

Do you have any idea how low morale is in general practice?

Do you realise GP training places remain unfilled as younger doctors vote with their feet and choose specialising over GP?

Everyone knows primary care is the cost effective backbone of Australian Healthcare- but no-one supports or adequately rewards us for our efforts.

Medicare is a dismal way to fund primary care- especially when the government freezes the rebates so our earnings steadily drop as our work load increases.

I am already looking for an alternate career

I am sick of spending 2 - 3 hours a day doing UNPAID paperwork.

Now you want to add an extra hour of unpaid bureaucracy to my working week?

Think again.

Your proposal is unrealistic and overly onerous on doctors already cracking under the strain of long hours, increasingly complex and demanding patients and insulting remuneration.

Do not burden us more when we already have CME programmes ensuring we keep up to date and maintain best standards of practice.

Or hey- if you insist on bringing this scheme in PAY us (properly) to do it.

Yours sincerely

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