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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Consultation on the recognition of Genetic Pathology**

MIPS is a member-based medical defence organisation that provides professional indemnity insurance to over 47,000 members, including 143 pathologists. MIPS commends the work undertaken by the Medical Board of Australia (MBA), Ahpra and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA).

MIPS is supportive of the proposal presented by the RCPA that Genetic Pathology is a distinct field of medicine, that it is already recognised and integrated into the healthcare system, that RCPA already recognises Genetic Pathology as a *de facto* field of speciality practice, that RCPA already provides training in Genetic Pathology, and that RCPA has the appropriate frameworks in place to ensure standards of training and education are met and maintained.

MIPS also believes that recognising Genetic Pathology as a field of specialty practice may improve visibility and transparency for the public in being able to identify those with appropriate qualifications and training in Genetic Pathology.

Although no opposing views have been presented, MIPS believes that it is important to carefully consider any such views when making a final decision, particularly as they may relate to pathologists who practise across multiple fields of pathology and who choose not to (or may be unable to) seek recognition as a specialist Genetic Pathologist.

MIPS does not have a position on issues relating to the process of how Genetic Pathology should be recognised or how recognition should be implemented.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. I can be contacted on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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