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To whom it may concern,

It was with dismay that I read about the new Medical Board consultation paper about CPD for GPs.

I have worked continually in General Practice in Melbourne since 1985 and have experienced many different CPD requirements in that time.

I am passionate about my work and have always been interested in keeping abreast of new developments relevant to General Practice.

I found the professional development plan that began during the last triennium was a time consuming waste of effort which was duly withdrawn following complaints.

This new plan sounds like it has even more paperwork, done to satisfy bureaucrats who have no idea about what it is like to work in General Practice.

The demographic of General Practice is already old.

A large percentage of GPs are close to retirement age.

Onerous CPD requirements will push many of these doctors into retirement and the GP shortage across Australia will become much worse.

We do not want to copy the NHS system in the UK which has become completely dysfunctional, with burnt out GPs, early retirement and huge difficulties for patients to get an appointment.

The requirements for CPD in General practice should be determined by General Practitioners, not a board of bureaucrats with a token few GPs.

I believe the RACGP should be in control of CPD requirements.

We are already having problems attracting quality doctors to a career in General Practice.

Increasing the burden of paperwork and lack of trust in GPs to manage their own CPD only make this worse.

Yours sincerely,

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