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Dr Anne Tonkin AO
Medical Board of Australia, AHPRA

By email to medboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au

Dear Dr Tonkin

Re: Public consultation - Application for the recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine as a new field of specialty practice

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) thanks the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) for the opportunity to participate in the public consultation for the proposal for the recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine.

The RANZCP is supportive of the option 1 proposal, recognising Rural Generalist Medicine as a distinct field of specialty practice within the specialty of General Practice and sees no issues in supporting this application.

The RANZCP views the recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine as a new field of specialty practice as a positive step toward encouraging doctors and graduates to work in regional and rural settings. Furthermore, the recognition of this field as a specialty practice may support the rural workforce and increase access to healthcare for regional and rural communities.

Should any further information be required, the RANZCP can be contacted via [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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