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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to advocate for the recognition of Rural Generalism as a sub-speciality of general practice.

Rural Generalism is fundamental to the delivery of healthcare in remote, rural and regional locations. The skill set these clinicians bring to these communities allows access to not only high quality primary health care but locally delivered emergency, inpatient, obstetric, anaesthetic and surgical services in areas other specialists fear to tread. These services are fundamental to the survival of these communities.

Rural Generalists have dedicated substantial time and effort to developing these skill sets to a high and safe standard, it is important that these standards be maintained by having a recognized qualification.

As the lead for a remote and rural health service I understand the value these clinicians bring to the regions with their specialized skill set and commitment to the regions in the long term. Our service is very much dependent on an ongoing supply of doctors with this specific skillset, recognition of this speciality will go a long way towards attraction and retention of this workforce in the most difficult to service parts of our country.

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