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To whom it may concern.

My name is Sione Akauola and am near completion of my ACRRM Fellowship.

I strongly recommend and in support of a Rural Generalist Medicine Speciality. I have extensive experience in both Metropolitan and Rural hospitals in Australia predominantly in Emergency, Anaesthesia, and General Practice.

I am currently working in Emergency in Rural Remote Locations MMM Classifications 3/4/5.

After 15 years in Australia I have witnessed first hand the disparity in Health service provision for rural remote communities and the specific challenges that Clinicians in these communities are facing.

The skills required to be able to provide safe and timely care for the people of these communities require a College/Education Provider such as ACRRM whom specifically been providing the training of doctors in these rural remote communities for a very long time. No other colleges in my experience can do this better than ACRRM.

The Recognition and Establishment of Rural Generalist Medicine would benefit Rural Communities ensuring a safe and sustainable Medical Workforce to meet their specific needs and challenges.

As a Clinician in Rural Community, we look after everything and anything. From delivery of newborns to looking after Trauma patients until they are retrieved if necessary. No other specialty in medicine teaches you that.

I strongly advocate for the Recognition of Rural Generalist Medicine and improving health for Rural Communities.

regards
Sione