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I have been a GP working in practices for 14 years  
I am for protecting patients and Australia

I have been doing some locums round Australia in the last 2 yrs following an illness which stopped me working for 15 months and subsequent loss of my usual practice and patients going elsewhere.

1. I am amazed that each state requires individual criminal checks - and for working with children certificates . The nonsense with state boundaries having to have another identical certificate is beyond belief.
2. Let a national check work for all states please. Even if it means paying \$100 a check rather than the \$50 per state for each. I would like a national criminal check and national working with children to be recognized by each state, so lowering overhead costs if you say work in several states
3. I think these checks should be mandatory for all GP's and other professional medical persons who all now have to register with AHPRA and your register should record checks as being up to date. Not just doctors.
4. for those doctors AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ON YOUR REGISTER returning from stays as you allude to living overseas for as little as 3 months - then I think as you propose further checks should be mandatory.  
The cost is small and then lifts our profile to patients and the community as to our professional ethical status of us all. It is not just doctors who could be involved in illegal activities overseas or in other ways their activities while abroad place them as a person of interest with our federal police and intelligence.

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