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Dear Professor Xue

Approval of registration standard: limited registration (teaching or research), as recommended by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2015, recommending approval of the proposed *Limited registration standard for teaching or research* as submitted by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA).

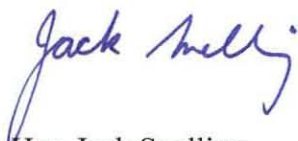
I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) decided on 27 August 2015, to approve the limited registration standard as recommended by the CMBA.

Ministers also agreed with the CMBA's proposal that the approved limited registration standard commence as soon as practical after advance notice is given to stakeholders, and following the Board's receipt of our approval.

Ministers noted that this is a new registration standard that has been developed by the CMBA, consistent with the approach taken by other National Boards regulating health practitioners under the National Scheme. In particular, we noted the Board's advice that practitioners with international qualifications were able to seek registration under the transitional 'grandparenting' provisions of the National Law. However, as these provisions ceased as scheduled on 30 June 2015, internationally qualified Chinese medicine practitioners whose expertise is sought for teaching or research from time to time needed an appropriate pathway to registration from 1 July 2015.

We trust that the AHWMC's approval of this registration standard will help support a smooth implementation for Chinese medicine practitioners who seek limited registration for teaching or research so that they may continue to share their expertise in Australia, within a limited scope and in a designated position relevant to teaching or research.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Snelling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Hon Jack Snelling

Chair

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7 September 2015