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Dear Ms Gillick

Re: Submission of Feedback on the Membership of CMBA Accreditation Committee

I am writing to you on behalf of Chinese Medicine Program at University of Western Sydney regarding the above matter. We first thank the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) for the opportunity to express our opinion on the proposed membership of the Accreditation Committee.

Our feedback with suggestion is sketched as follow.

1. We agree with the proposed inclusion of at least one educationalist, and at least one Chinese medicine academic. However we do not think it is critical to include at least one biomedical science academic; we also suggest that do not have more than one Chinese medicine practitioner. This is to keep costs and efficient process under control, thereby a size of 'small' Committee is strongly recommended.
2. In principle, the Committee should be made up members with right expertise and experience. Appointment made to a consumer or a community representative is unnecessary and should be thereby avoided, given the nature of the Committee.
3. We agree that there should be additional sub-criteria for the selection of the above persons.
4. Last, there should be an independence from the Board.

I hope the Board takes above opinions into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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