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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great surprise and shock that I read the information re. proposed 'grandfathering' for Chinese Medicine practitioners.

I have practised continuously Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine since 1988, when I graduated from the North Coast College of Acupuncture. I practise in a rural area where few practitioners want to practise. So many years of continued practise have given me a wealth of experience, I also increased my knowledge through ongoing studies in Chinese Herbal Medicine. (in the form of seminars, private research, reading etc.)

I think, not to acknowledge people who have the qualifications as was required at the time, and who have practised continuously for so many years (23 in my case) having also fulfilled their CPE as well as other requirements (insurance, 1st aid, etc.) and who have been members of AACMA since its inception, would be such a waste and a real loss to the Australian community.

I sincerely hope that you will consider this.

Too much is at stake!

As an Australian-trained practitioners, I shouldn't be put to a higher grandparenting standard than the one applied under the Victorian scheme.

Unaccredited programs that were **recognised by AACMA** as meeting the requirements for practice at that time should also be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this includes the past practitioner diploma and unaccredited bachelor programs.

The list submitted by the AACMA of Australian Chinese medicine programs deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes should be included on the CMBA list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes.

**(In my case, North Coast College of Acupuncture, - practitioner Diploma, 1988.)**

All government/university-accredited qualifications at least three years full-time equivalent duration should be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this include the past advanced diploma and diploma level programs.

I really hope, that you will take this submission into consideration, as we, practitioners with many years experience behind us, have helped shape TCM to become the respected profession it is in this country.

With kind regards

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