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To whom it may concern, my name is Robert Bradford, I am a practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, I have been a member of the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association since 2003, I run a very busy clinic in Balgowlah on Sydney's Northern Beaches, I have worked in this clinic for the past seven years, after graduating from the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine with the Diploma of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the Diploma of Traditional Chinese Massage plus a certificate of Internship from the University Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Nanchang city Jiangxi Province, Peoples Republic of China.

It has taken me seven and a half years to build this practice to the level it is now, most days working 12 hours a day, now with the national registration coming in to force in July 2012, I find that I may no longer be able to practice due to the fact that my qualifications are deemed not of a sufficient standard by the Chinese Medicine Registration Board, which would mean my livelihood will be taken from me, unless the board considers 4 additional facts concerning practitioners in the same situation as myself and they are.

- 1) That Australian trained practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine should not be subjected to higher Grandparenting standards than applied under the Victorian scheme.
- 2) That all Government/ University accredited qualifications of at least 3 years full time equivalent duration should be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting and that it should include past Advanced Diploma and Diploma level programs.
- 3) Also that unaccredited programs that were recognised by the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (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 should include Diploma courses and unaccredited Bachelor programs.
- 4) The list submitted by the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (AACMA), of Australian Chinese Medicine programs deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes be included on the CMBA list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes.

I hope that you will take into consideration the facts that I have stated here, as the greater majority of our most experienced practitioners come under the same category that I now find myself in. If you the Chinese Medicine Registration Board have the best interests of the majority of practitioners and the general public you are responsible for when registration comes into being, then you should implement these above mentioned factors, regards Robert Bradford Dip. TCM Dip TCRM.

Please accept my submission, Robert Bradford

Would you please read this submission of mine very carefully, as it not only concerns myself but a great number of my fellow practitioners, some of whom are the best practitioners the country has, regards Robert Bradford