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Dear Sir/ Madam

As a practicing acupuncture practitioner for the past 20 years, I believe the current proposed acupuncture-regulation grandparenting standards are effectively excluding many practitioners that have been effectively practising acupuncture, from the registration process.

The recent Victorian scheme has provided this state with an effective grandparenting standard, which should be adopted by the national scheme.

All government/ university-accredited qualifications which require at least 3 years full-time equivalent duration, should be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this include past advanced diploma and diploma courses.

Unaccredited programs recognised by the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association as meeting the requirements for practice at that time should in addition be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting including past diploma and unaccredited bachelor programs.

The list submitted by the Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association programs deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes should be included on the CMBA list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes.

I await your consideration on all of the above considerations.

Faithfully yours,

Michael Finn

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