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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Submission for draft registration

I studied Acupuncture three years full time and attained a Bachelor of Acupuncture at the Australian College of Natural Medicine (Brisbane campus) in 1991. Since that time I have been in full time practice and a member of AACMA for most of this time (20 years). Because of my unyielding desire and passion to learn more of this wonderful modality, I have always completed more than expected continuing professional education requirements, had and maintained professional indemnity insurance and all other requirements to run my business professionally.

My practice is situated in rural Northern New South Wales (Ballina) where I have been for eighteen years. The practice is testament to my hard work and the ideal of betterment of my profession Acupuncture and TCM which is reflected in local community acknowledgment of being experienced and knowledgeable in my field of work. I currently practice Acupuncture 40-50 hours each week and have done so for many years.

I applaud your and our efforts to bring our profession to a new era, I appeal to also applying a common sense approach to the grandfathering clause. If the pre-university, Australian trained Acupuncture practitioners who have met AACMA standards are not included under the Grandfather clause - then may God help the Grandchildren.

- Australian trained practitioners applying for registration under the National scheme should not be put to a higher grandparenting standard than applied under the Victorian scheme.
- 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.

Yours Sincerely

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