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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that consideration be given to the requests of AACMA. Our governing body that has done much to help the industry of Acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

I hope that great consideration is given to this current situation regarding national registration and the grand parenting scheme proposed. There are many greatly qualified acupuncturists that will be put at a great disadvantage if your proposed scheme is inacted.

Please modify the scheme to amend the changes requested by AACMA:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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 include 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.

Thank you for your time.

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