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Dear Ms Gillick

Re: Submission on the Mandatory Registration Standards and the Grandparenting Arrangements

I am writing to express my opinion on the mandatory registration standards and grandparenting arrangements.

I appreciate that the Board suggested flexible English requirements considering historical and uniqueness of the development of Chinese Medicine in Australia. I agree to that and support "*The exemption arrangement for grandparented applicants*". The evidence requirements listed on Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 are reasonable and acceptable.

In addition to mandatory CPD requirements, I would like to suggest that self education such as subscriptions to professional magazines, seminars CD and study from digital/online media be considered as part of continuing professional development if you can produce evidence of the studies. This is in line with the objective of minimizing the cost involved in continuing professional development stated in consultation paper and is especially beneficial to those practicing in rural area.

Furthermore, it is necessary to clearly define the scope of Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine on its registration standards. As indicated in consultation paper: **Practice** means any role in which a Chinese medicine practitioner or Chinese herbal dispenser uses their skills in their profession in any way that impacts on safe, effective delivery of health

services. Any other than Chinese medicine practices should not be eligible for the registration under Chinese medicine.

I believe my suggestions are reasonable and hope they will be seriously considered.

Yours sincerely,

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