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Debra Gillick,
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Dear Ms Gillick,

AURCMP's submissions on Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Accreditation Committee Membership in the consultation paper

Regarding to the consultation paper that the Board has published in December 2011, we would like to submit our overall opinion regarding Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Accreditation Committee Membership. In particular:

Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of at least one educationalist, at least one Chinese medicine academic, at least one Chinese medicine practitioner and at least one biomedical sciences academic?

Our response:

The Accreditation Committee should be composed by two Chinese medicine academicians/educators (one in Chinese herbal medicine and one in acupuncture), two Chinese medicine practitioners (one Chinese Herbal medicine practitioner and one acupuncturist), one educator and one western medicine or biomedical sciences related academician.

Do you think there should be additional sub-criteria for the selection of the above persons and if so what they should be?

Our response:

There should be additional sub-criteria for selecting personnel into the accreditation committee:

1. Chinese medicine practitioners members should have certain years of clinical experiences when they are appointed;
2. None of the accreditation committee members should have any potential or commercial interests with any educational organizations or institutions.

Do you think a Board member should be on the Accreditation Committee?

Our response:

A community board member can be considered be placed onto the accreditation committee, rather than a practitioner member.

Do you think a community representative should be on the Accreditation Committee?

Our response:

Community representative has an important role in accreditation committee as to reflect what the general public expects from our future workforce personnel. A community board member may also be considered for this role.

How many members do you think the Committee should have?

Our response:

At least 6 members based on our suggestion.

Thank you for allowing us to express our view in respond to the Board's future formation and policy development. We are happy to help out in any way we could to assist the Board's policy implementation and registration process for the development of Chinese medicine in Australia.

Please feel free to contact us if any clarification is needed regarding to our submission.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

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