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Dear Dr Flynn

I write on behalf of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) in regard to the second round consultation on a proposed registration standard for granting general registration as a medical practitioner to Australian and New Zealand Medical graduates on completion of intern training.

Whilst recognising the purpose of the registration standard as a document in its own right, the RANZCOG welcomes the involvement of the Australian Medical Council to assist the Board to develop additional information regarding specific aspects of the intern year. The RANZCOG College remains firmly of the view that, due to the centrality of women's health to medical practice and the variability of coverage of obstetrics and gynaecology in curricula of undergraduate medical schools, exposure to a supervised term of experience in women's healthcare care should form part of the requirements for eligibility for general registration under the standard.

The RANZCOG would welcome the opportunity to expand on the basis of its position in relation to the need for a compulsory term of experience with women's healthcare in the pre-registration year if the MBA wishes to invite a fuller submission.

Thank you for inviting the RANZCOG to provide comment in regard to the proposed registration standard.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Peter White

Chief Executive Officer