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Dear Sir/Madam

**Medical Board of Australia**  
**Draft Guidelines: Technology based patient consultations**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these draft guidelines. The Australian Association of Consultant Physicians wishes to support the draft guidelines. One of the concerns about the telehealth initiative is the multiplicity of standards and guidelines being developed and the extensive and complex nature of these standards. The Medical Board's guidelines are appropriate and concise, have focussed on the fundamental elements of the consultation, while still addressing the specific requirements associated with the telehealth component, and acknowledge the inherent skill and professionalism of the medical practitioner.

Yours sincerely

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