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Dear Dr Flynn

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the review of registration standards on:

- Professional indemnity insurance
- Continuing professional development
- Recency of practice

For all three registration standards, the Medical Board has provided 2 options: Option 1 – Continue with the existing registration standard, Option 2 - submitting a revised registration standard to the Ministerial Council for approval.

The AMC notes the changes proposed to these three registration standards under option 2 largely are to make the standards easier to understand through clarified wording and some restructuring of the standards. The AMC supports these proposals.

Concerning the recency of practice standard, the AMC notes that the standard contains limited guidance on the expectations of a return to work program, including the expected outcomes of a return to work program, and suggests that further guidance would be useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Frank', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Ian Frank AM
Chief Executive Officer