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ANZSGM Feedback on the Medical Board of Australia's (MBA)
public consultation paper on Rural Generalist Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the Medical Board of Australia's public consultation paper on the proposal that Rural Generalist Medicine is recognized as a new field of specialty practice.

There is a high demand for the complex needs of older people living in rural and regional settings and access to services can be limited. As geriatricians we acknowledge that Primary Care or General Practice is extremely important for this group and confirm that ANZSGM is supportive of any initiative that will increase access to Primary Health care for older people.

ANZSGM therefore supports the proposal to recognise Rural Generalist Medicine under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as a new field of specialty practice within the current specialty of General Practice.

Please contact our Executive Officer [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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