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To the Executive Officer,

RE: Consultation on the recognition of Genetic Pathology

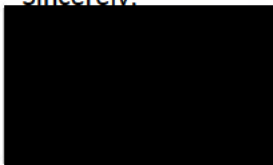
Australian Genomics supports the recognition of genetic pathology as a distinct field of specialty practice, reaffirming our views reported by the Royal College of Pathologists Australia (RCPA) in their report on stakeholder engagement regarding recognition of the title of 'Genetic Pathology' (initial application 2019: Appendix 2, page 66).

Australian Genomics agrees that genetic pathology is distinct from other specialties and this recognition will have the following positive consequences:

- Ensuring appropriate standards and accreditation for genetic pathology training programs
- Recognition of qualifications and participation in continuing professional development
- Meeting workforce requirements - genomic medicine is a rapidly expanding field and having a properly recognised specialty and training pathway will attract graduates to the specialty
- Making it clearer for referring clinicians to identify the expertise required to ensure patients get access to the right genetic and genomic tests to inform diagnosis and advice about management of genetic conditions.

I look forward to seeing this application progress and would be happy to provide more detailed feedback at any subsequent stage of the consultation.

Sincerely,



Manager
Australian Genomics