CORB: LETTERS: 2009Chiro Brumley re part performance of undertaking

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Dear Phil,

NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME CONSULTATION ON REGISTRATION STANDARDS

The Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board of Tasmania wishes to provide the following feedback on the draft registration standards issued by the Chiropractic Board of Australia for comment:



2. English language

It is unclear from the scope of application of the standard as to how it applies to students undertaking Australian chiropractic courses.

If students are required to meet the standard upon registration the same concerns as expressed above for criminal history checks apply. Universities will need to ensure that students are made fully aware of the requirements when they commence their course of study as they may find they are unable to continue if they cannot meet the registration standard.

The Board does not support the listing of specific countries in Exemption 1. The Board suggests that applicants should be able to apply for exemption if both their secondary **and** tertiary education in the relevant professional discipline were taught and assessed in English in any country where English is the native or first language. The board notes that French is the first language in a significant area of Canada.

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Yours sincerely,

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