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Dear Mr Fletcher

**Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists  
AHPRA Review of Criminal History Standard**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the AHPRA review of Criminal History Standard. As you would be aware the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), which includes the Faculty of Pain Medicine, is committed to high standards of clinical practice in the fields of anaesthesia and pain medicine. As the education and training body responsible for the postgraduate medical training programs in anaesthesia and pain medicine for Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia, we believe in ongoing continuous improvement and strive to ensure our programs represent best practice and contribute to a high quality health system.

Please find responses below to the questions posed in the consultation document.

**1. From your perspective, how is the current registration standard working?**

The College is satisfied that the current registration standard is working well. The College has no evidence to suggest otherwise.

**2. Are there any state or territory-specific issues or impacts arising from applying the existing standard that you would like to raise with the Boards?**

No.

**3. Is the content of the registration standard helpful, clear and relevant?**

Yes.

**4. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the registration standard?**

No.

**5. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the registration standard?**

No.

**6. Do you have any other comments on the registration standard?**

No. There is an issue however as to whether disclosure by registration applicants is a reliable way to screen for criminal history. This is not part of the registration standard although it is part of the procedures arising from the standard. The MBA is looking into CrimTrack and other databases for this purpose.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment we look forward to the outcomes of the consultation. Should you require any further information, please contact John Biviano, General Manager, Policy, via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Dr Lindy Roberts  
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