

CHIROPRACTORS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NATIONAL) LIMITED

Unit 2, 36 Woodriff Street Penrith NSW 2750 Australia

PO Box 335 Penrith NSW 2751

T: 02 4731 8011 F: 02 4731 8088 E: ceo@caa.asn.au www.chiropractors.asn.au

ABN 50 050 096 038

SUBMISSION TO

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION AGENCY AND NATIONAL BOARDS

RE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKING

FROM

CHIROPRACTORS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NATIONAL) LIMITED

31 October 2013

For further information contact: Andrew McNamara CEO Chiropractors' Association of Australia The Chiropractors' Association of Australia (National) Limited (CAA) is pleased to respond to the Public consultation paper on international criminal history checks policy dated September 2013.

The following are CAA's comments on the options for refining international criminal history checks as outlined in the 2013 consultation included within the Public Consultation Paper as Option 5:

The National Boards are seeking feedback on the proposed new process for international criminal history checking as well as on the following questions.

 \Box Is the proposed new approach the best option?

☐ Is the proposed approach clear?

Are there any risks or issues about the proposed process that need more consideration? Should international criminal history checks be conducted for countries where applicants have spent three months or more, or six months or more?

CAA's comments:

CAA considers Option 5 to be a clear and reasonable solution to ensuring compliance of this requirement, utilising a similar process to that used of domestic criminal history checks.

CAA does not envisage any particular risks or issues requiring further consideration.

CAA does not have any particular preference for conducting history checks in countries where applicants have lived for three months or six months, but suggest that less than six months may add additional administrative and financial impost during processing.

Should you wish any further comment on this matter, please contact Andrew McNamara, CEO, on the above contact details.