



## Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

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Dear Mr Fletcher *Martin*

I am writing in relation to the process for National Board submissions for the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) for new or amended scheduled medicines endorsements.

I am pleased to advise that Health Ministers have endorsed the attached document, *Guidance for National Boards: Applications to the Ministerial Council for the approval of endorsements in relation to scheduled medicines under section 14 of the National Law (the Guidance)*.

The Guidance is designed to be used by National Boards when preparing applications to the AHWMC for approval of the terms of an endorsement of scheduled medicines under section 14 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act. A National Board may also use this process to bring forward for AHWMC consideration a proposal for a nationally consistent scheduled medicines authority that is not subject to an endorsement process, for example, the scheduled medicines authorities conferred on nurse practitioners.

As you would be aware, the Guidance document was developed by the Nationally Consistent Scheduled Medicines Authorities Working Group of the Health Workforce Principal Committee (HWPC). This Working Group included representatives from Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards and I understand that the Working Group also consulted AHPRA and the National Boards on the draft Guidance during its development.

I would appreciate if you could make a copy of the Guidance available on the AHPRA website and also bring the matters outlined in this letter to the attention of the co-convenors of the Forum of National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) Chairs.

The newly established Scheduled Medicines Subcommittee of the HWPC will be responsible for managing the process established under the Guidance and will provide a liaison point for AHPRA and the National Boards with respect to proposals for new or amended scheduled medicines endorsements.

Please contact Anne-Louise Carlton, Manager, Workforce Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services, if you have any questions about this matter. Ms Carlton can be contacted on [anne-louise.carlton@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:anne-louise.carlton@dhhs.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9096 6978.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, AHMAC

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Enclosed: *Guidance for National Boards: Applications to the Ministerial Council for the approval of endorsements in relation to scheduled medicines under section 14 of the National Law*