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Dear Sir/Madame,

I wish to make a submission in regards to proposed changes to the minimum needed CPD on an annual basis for CPD. I work as a rural practitioner and have generally found that the triennial structure of CPD works very well in allowing me to do the necessary education without having a negative impact on either my work, patient care or family life. The proposition to change to a minimum of 50 hours per year I wish to very strongly argue against on the basis of fairness. I work mostly privately and as far as my General Practice is concerned there exists neither a formal system to do CPD within my work (there is not Medicare Item number) nor the existence of a easily accessible training next door to do so (I have to travel to a capital city for most CPD events). With the ability to do CDP over 3 years this allows me to participate in CPD events with the minimum of disruption top all parties.

I am well aware that the employment of many hospital doctors includes up to 20% time for administration/training - there exists no such thing in private general practice. There is an absolute necessity for any new CPD system to reflect the geographic, economic and varied working differences across this country and be fair and equitable - particularly in regards to supporting rural and remote GPs.

I would very much appreciate your thoughts on this matter and how the any new system would be able to accommodate these needs.

Many thanks + Merry Christmas,

Dr. Nathan Kesteven