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Dear Medical Board members,

Thanks for consulting on this matter. It is my humble opinion borne out of experience that Specialist IMG pathway is used by some health systems to the detriment of local medical specialists. In the current climate of a mature specialist training pathway for local graduates well established, in my view, there need not be an exception given to any Specialist IMG. They should go through the fellowship training pathway of respective Australian specialist colleges. The Area of need clause is exploited by some health systems to hire international medical graduates who fare economically and in many other ways, better for them. In addition such IMGs foster poor work culture by aiding some health systems act against duly Australian specialists who are unfairly treated using the very regulatory clauses which are by intention, designed to protect the public. It his heart wrenching.

In my experience many such Specialist IMGs have no comparable experience to some specialist training programs such as [REDACTED]

I sincerely request, for the future welfare of the country, Specialist IMGs are not even considered for an assessment to award a specialist qualification directly. I have no conflict of interest to declare and I hope you understand the merit in my point of view.

Thanks in advance

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