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Dear Dr Tonkin

## RE: Public Consultation on the Draft revised registration standard: Continuing professional development

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (College) to provide feedback on this consultation.

The draft revised standard is helpful, clear and relevant. Currently some practitioners are struggling to grasp the meaning and intent of reviewing performance and measuring outcomes. It is anticipated that this will be resolved so that the standard will ultimately be as workable as the previous one. The College's previous responses to items 5-14 continue to apply (please see attachment 1).

I note, previously requested amendments have been made to the table 'Existing arrangements of specialist medical colleges'. Regarding the professional development plan, this was not required in the RCPA's previous CPD program. However, the program has since been updated in anticipation of the new standard. This component is now mandatory.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Dr Debra Graves, CEO <u>debrag@rcpa.edu.au</u> or 02 8356 5830.

Yours sincerely,

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