

## Stakeholder details

Initial questions
<i>To help us better understand your situation and the context of your feedback please provide us with some details about you. These details will not be published in any summary of the collated feedback from this consultation.</i>
<p><b>Question A</b></p> <p>Are you completing this submission on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?</p> <p><b>Your answer:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Organisation</p> <p>Name of organisation: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a></p> <p>Contact email: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myself</p> <p>Name: Rodney Mitchell</p> <p>Contact email: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span></p>
<p><b>Question B</b></p> <p>If you are completing this submission as an individual, are you:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A registered health practitioner?</p> <p>Profession: Anaesthetist</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A member of the public?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a></p>
<p><b>Question C</b></p> <p>Would you like your submission to be published?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, publish my submission <b>with</b> my name/organisation name</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, publish my submission <b>without</b> my name/ organisation name</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No – <b>do not</b> publish my submission</p>

Your responses to the consultation questions

**1. Is the content and structure of the draft revised specialist registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and workable?**

In general, yes.

**2. Is there any content that needs to be changed, added or deleted in the draft revised specialist registration standard?**

1. My understanding is that the major challenge with the current Anaesthetic workforce relates to a maldistribution of specialists between urban and rural areas. I had hoped this initiative would address this, and be reserved for those substantially comparable overseas trained specialists who are prepared to work in areas of need for a specified period of time. I am concerned that the current initiative will simply result in more specialists in large urban centres.

**3. Are there any impacts for patients and consumers, particularly vulnerable members of the community that have not been considered in the draft revised specialist registration standard?**

Many of those who are most vulnerable (rural and remote) will not benefit in any meaningful way.

**4. Are there any impacts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples that have not been considered in the draft revised specialist registration standard?**

This represents a potential missed opportunity to facilitate increased numbers of suitably qualified specialists anaesthetists to be employed in those rural and remote areas where provision of health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is significantly impacted by the current specialist workforce maldistribution.

**5. Are there any other regulatory impacts or costs that have not been identified that the Board needs to consider?**

**6. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised specialist registration standard?**