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Ms Robyn Kruk  
Reviewer for  
Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings

Via email: [healthregreview@finance.gov.au](mailto:healthregreview@finance.gov.au)

Dear Robyn,

### Independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you on Tuesday 20 December 2022 to discuss your independent review of health practitioner regulatory settings.

Our headline feedback is as follows

- A single point of assessment for suitability for skilled migration and registration as a health practitioner in the National Scheme
- Improving, and where possible reducing the complexity of administrative systems and processes that create barriers to entry and negatively impacts preferability of Australia as a destination for health practitioners
- For medical radiation practitioners particularly, the State and Territory system of radiation licensing which in some circumstances requires [additional competence assessment](#) despite already being registered as a medical radiation practitioner, adds a secondary layer of duplicative administration, [example here](#)

In the longer term, our view is that

- the equation is not simply about the number of health practitioners, rather the number of health practitioners required has a direct correlation with 'how' they practice and how they are utilized.
- provision of unnecessary health services is an inefficient use of health practitioners and has the potential to artificially inflate the health workforce needs
- Australia's allied health workforce are in many cases world leading practitioners, who are intelligent, capable, and highly sought after globally. Our view is that they have the capacity and capability to do more.
- planning and policy decisions need to start now, noting that it can take many years to realise the impact of change, particularly in the area of education, and practice.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED], Executive Officer, Medical Radiation Practice by phone on [REDACTED] or by email on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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