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Dear Dan,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in feedback on the report commissioned by The Department of Human Services on best practice self-regulation of psychotherapy and counseling.

The counselling and psychotherapeutic community of Western Australia as represented by the Psychotherapists & Counsellors Association of WA support the findings in the report and support PACFA's recommendations. We also add that we consider it essential that action is taken earlier rather than later in terms of giving counsellors equal consideration with other allied health professionals in acknowledgement of the service they currently provide to clients. The single national credentialing system (ARCAP) is a way of increasing accountability of practitioners in turn benefiting the client group and society as a whole. We believe the benefit to the client group and society will in turn be further enhanced by the adoption of ARCAP by the AHMAC

Yours Sincerely

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