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To whom it may Concern,

The Clinical Counsellors Association was established over a decade ago to provide a bridge between the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) and the Australian Counselling Association (ACA). It remains to this day the only Association to belong to both these professional peak bodies, and as such puts us in a unique position to comment on matters pertaining to the profession. All our members satisfy the high criteria of both bodies, have membership qualifications of Registered (for PACFA) and Level 3 or 4 (for ACA), and have combined experience in the profession of hundreds of years.

As such we would like to wholeheartedly endorse the model put forward by Jones and Armstrong as it not only accurately portrays a vision of the profession that our membership subscribes to but it also provides a roadmap of how to get there.

The plan, as outlined, provides, we believe, a comprehensive image of how the great variety of modalities and practices that currently exist can be brought under one consistently applied and Nationally regulated and recognised Medical Health Practitioner banner. We believe this move would provide Australia with a world's best practice model that is not only workable but of great benefit to the general populace who often experience difficulty in accessing or even understanding the type of health care they actually require.

Should you wish any further information we are only too happy to cooperate in any way that we can.

Yours Faithfully,

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