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To Whom It May Concern

My submission is in the form of a collection of emails and attachments which capture the reality of my journey.

I am at the tail end of my specialist training in Occupational and Environmental Medicine, with a background of almost 20 years in Medicine (refer CV).

Current rules mean my registration process has been frustrating and lacks equity in comparison with my colleagues in the program and doctors in the country (see emails). And I would venture discrimination. This at an individual level in my annual registration process and also the current changes in the AMC (see separate emails). And as mentioned in these emails, specific to my needs to work onsite areas where clients are but no clinic exists.

There are also the issues re: remuneration as a result and some other areas which I can add to in person.

As a physician involved in Risk and Health and Safety I understand why and what the drivers are to the process, but the journey is not for the fainthearted.

Add to this that I live 'regionally' (Ocean Grove) and based on my skills I have been asked by colleagues to work and do research through Deakin University BUT cannot as I am not generally registered. But I can teach undergraduates clinical skills and concepts!

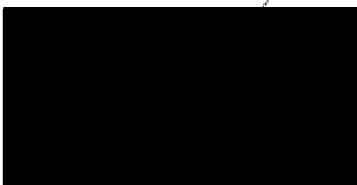
I explained this in several emails and letters to [REDACTED] with generic responses to what I already was aware of.

I am interested to chat with you further about this once you get through the sample emails and readings.

I have raised the issues with friends and colleagues at various levels in the community. Some of who are lawyers/barristers and some who are in policy and journalists.

Thanks

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