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Department of **Health**  
**North Metropolitan Area Health Service**

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(Overseas Trained Doctors)  
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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTRATION PROCESSES AND SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS  
TRAINED DOCTORS**

In response to the invitation to make a submission to the above inquiry, I offer the following:

**APPLICATION BY EXTERNAL CANDIDATE**

There is conflicting information on the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and relevant College websites. The information for Overseas Trained Doctors (OTD's) regarding gaining General Registration through the Competent Authority Pathway is not clear.

There is a disconnect between the Medical Board registration process and the Department of Immigration visa process.

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The new process is onerous. The new forms are lengthy and repetitive. Proof of residency for someone who has just entered the country is difficult to get and the current requirements do not match what is actually occurring e.g. utilisation of passport stamp as proof of residency or letter of offer from employer not being accepted.

As the registration process may take up to three months from date of arrival the candidate is unemployable for this time. The process is being delayed by the fact the registration officer must view the documentation.

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Applications cannot be forwarded electronically via email so the process is taking too long or applications are being lost in the mail. An electronic application system such as is used by the Department of Immigration is required.

#### REQUIRED

- Above issues addressed and simplified
- One website which includes clear and concise information about the process
- Direct contact with registration officers, not a 1300 number for employers – we need to be able to speak to someone in WA!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Keenan', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

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