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Dear Ms Sullivan

SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

As per our telephoe conversation I came across some further documentation that I believe are relevant and I wish to make some further comments.

Exhibits

Firstly, please find attached the first two pages of a document issued by NSW Health "International Medical Graduate Forum". Under "Current Situation" NSW Health gives numbers as to the number of first time conditional registration by the NSW Medical Board.

Please note the extraordinary high numbers of "Postgraduate trainees" which in the vast majority of cases are nothing other than ordinary service positions and should be classified as "are of need" positions.

Second plese find attached a document taken from the NSW Medical Board's website, entitled "Registration of International Medical Graduates".

I would like to contrast between "Area of Need" positions (non specialist) and "Postgraduate Trainees". Firstly "Area of Need" positions must be approved by NSW Health and requires market testing. No such requirement is necessary for "Occupational Trainees".

Secondly and possibly even more important, for "Area of Need" positions, the NSW Medical Board convenes an "... Assessment Panel to interview the practitioner and advise the Board on their suitability for the particular A O N position".

The Board then states "The interviews are in the form of a 1 hour oral assessment of practitioners clinical experience, clinical knowledge and skill (including communication skills) and judgement".

No such "Assessment Panel" is convened for Postgraduate Trainees (occupational trainees) even though in vast majority of cases (I would say at least 750 and probably over 800 out of the 848 new registrations

were ordinary service positions) and the NSW authorities and the NSW Government are quite willing to overlook issues of "standards" for "Occupational Trainees" because of the need for numbers. The NSW Branch of the AMA tolerates this situation for their own reasons.

Yours faithfully,

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