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To CMBA

I voice my concern at the extraordinarily short time allocated for discussions regarding the grandparenting provisions, especially concerning practitioners who graduated from overseas colleges many years ago. These practitioners appear to be lumped into the same category as untrained practitioners.

Further discussions is needed with the professional bodies and independent practitioners regarding this matter.

I graduated from the Institute of Acupuncture, at the Kalubowila Teaching Hospital in Sri Lanka the first official acupuncture course to be taught in English outside of China . The college was set up under the auspices of the World Health Organization in 1964 to teach the curriculum of the Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine .

At Kalubowila Hospital in the Medicina Alternativa acupuncture teaching clinic more than two and a half million patients have been treated free of charge and doctors and students from 140 countries including Australia have been taught acupuncture and other alternative medicines

These acupuncture qualifications were accepted by the chiropractors board of SA and also by AHPRA for inclusion on the chiropractors register as additional qualifications that allow me to also practice acupuncture as a chiropractor.

I have been working as an acupuncturist and chiropractor for over 10 years in a clinic that has been using acupuncture since 1975.

My concern is that under your grandparenting provisions I will be judged the same as those practitioners who have no qualifications.

These issues need to be addressed and discussed further otherwise you are discriminating against bona fide practitioners who have qualified from a college that is recognized throughout Asia

Yours faithfully

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