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Mr Robert Fendall Chair Osteopathy Board of Australia PO Box 16085 Collins Street West MELBOURNE VIC 8007

Dear Mr Fendall

Thank you for your letter of 26 February 2010 in relation to revised proposals submitted by the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) on mandatory registration standards.

Pursuant to section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* (2009) (the National Law), as enacted by participating jurisdictions, the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) has decided to approve the following registration standards submitted by the Board – with the approval taking effect on 1 July 2010 to coincide with the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:

- · criminal history registration standard
- English language requirements registration standard
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements registration standard
- continuing professional development registration standard, and
- recency of practice registration standard.

I would like to congratulate the Board on submitting its final proposals for the osteopathy profession in Australia to the Ministerial Council.

We trust that the Ministerial Council's decision to approve the registration standards as outlined in this letter will assist the Board to implement the proposals in the lead-up to the national scheme's full commencement on 1 July 2010.

Yours sincerely

John Hill

CHAIR, Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

MINISTER FOR HEALTH, South Australia