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Dear Mr Ruscoe

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2010 in relation to revised proposals submitted by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) on mandatory registration standards and specialist registration.

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
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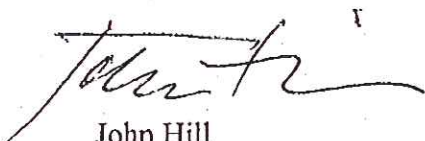
I now turn to the Board's proposal that specialist registration operate for the physiotherapy profession under the National Law for the specialties of: cardiorespiratory, continence and women's health, gerontology, musculoskeletal, neurology, occupational health, paediatrics, and sports physiotherapy.

At our meeting of 31 March 2010, the Ministerial Council decided to defer consideration of specialist registration for physiotherapists under the national scheme, pending the development of national criteria for assessing such proposals.

I would like to congratulate the Board on submitting its final proposals for the physiotherapy 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



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