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Dear Mr Waldron

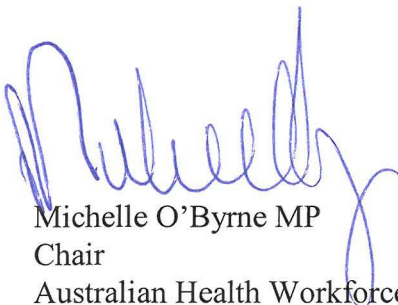
Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2013, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) approves the proposed registration standard for granting limited registration for teaching or research (the limited registration standard).

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act*, as in force in each State and Territory, the AHWMC decided on 26 July 2013 to approve the proposed limited registration standard.

In approving the limited registration standard, Ministers noted advice from the Board that this registration standard will help improve access for the optometry profession to the intellectual capital of overseas experts and overseas researchers and assist with the provision of high quality education and training of optometrists in Australia.

We trust that communicating the AHWMC's approval will enable the Board to publish the approved registration standard as soon as practicable to support practitioners seeking this type of registration under the National Law.

Yours sincerely



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