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To: _____
Subject: Optometrist registration proposals- Colin Waldren
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Dear Colin,

I am writing to register my disapproval of the proposed changes to optometrical registration, specifically the proposal to make therapeutic endorsement mandatory by 2029. Earlier this year Colin I spoke to you directly and you assured me personally that such a requirement would not be made span of my career. 2029 is in my projected career plans and I object to the proposal to either force me to pursue therapeutic endorsement, or to bar me from practising my profession and earning a living. This is a threat I find distressing and unacceptable.

Who are the people calling for these changes? By the boards own figures the majority of optometrists are not therapeutically endorsed, so who is making these calls? Not the majority of members of the profession! Surely a better proposal is to allow us non-endorsed to continue to practise, and retire one by one over the years, rather than setting an arbitrary date and forcing optometrists out of their jobs.

I hope that common-sense will prevail, and I am disturbed that despite your reassurance of earlier this year I am again having to address this issue.

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