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Dear Sir,

**Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia - Composition of the Accreditation Committee**

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is the leading professional organisation for the promotion of the sciences and practice of the medical specialities of Radiology and Medical Imaging (Diagnostic and Interventional) and Radiation Oncology in Australia and New Zealand.

Medical services involving the application of ionising radiation are provided in multi-disciplinary teams comprised of members with the required expertise drawn from various non-medical professional groups which include Medical Radiation Practitioners. The individual professional responsibilities of team members are interdependent, and collectively enable the effective delivery of services to patients.

The College has considered the consultation paper regarding the composition of the Accreditation Committee of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia and makes the following recommendations:

- a) Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of at least one educationalist, at least one medical radiation academic, at least one medical radiation practitioner and at least one allied health sciences academic to the Committee?

*The College supports this approach, however strongly recommends that a radiation medical specialist from either the Radiology or Radiation Oncology discipline be included on the Committee. Medical Radiation Practitioners work as part of medical imaging teams led by radiation medical specialists. While the medical profession respects that medical radiation practitioners are responsible for their own training programs and infrastructure, the College considers there would be much value to be gained by all parties if a radiation medical specialist was included on the Accreditation Committee.*

- b) Do you think there should be additional sub-criteria for the selection of the above persons and if so what should they be?

*No comment.*

- c) Do you think a Board member should be on the Accreditation Committee?

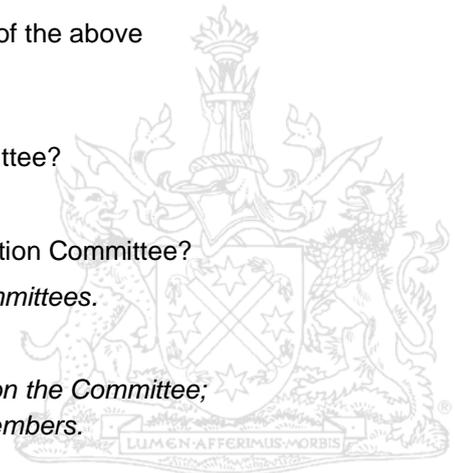
*If so, this should be in an ex-officio, non-voting role.*

- d) Do you think a community representative should be on the Accreditation Committee?

*There is some merit in including consumer representation on such Committees.*

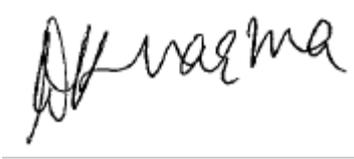
- e) How many members do you think the Committee should have?

*The priority is to ensure that appropriate representation is established on the Committee; however, it would be wise to have a requirement for no more than 9 members.*



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the composition of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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