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Dear Brenda

### **Proposal for modifying all health-related regulatory authorities**

The NZ College of Clinical Psychologists (NZCCP) is writing in response to the Health Workforce New Zealand's (HWNZ's) proposal for a single (shared) secretariat and office function and a reduction in the number of board members for all health-related regulatory authorities.

NZCCP wish to express our support for the majority of the submission sent by the NZ Psychologists Board (NZPB) on Monday 18 April in response to the HWNZ's proposal.

We agree with the NZPB's summary of the situation that the current arrangement is working well and doesn't need alteration or repair. In addition we would like to reinforce the NZPB's comment that significant changes have already been made to the Psychologists Board, based on expert evidence, and any further changes would be a backward step.

Of importance to the profession is the availability and support of the Professional Advisor role, and we emphasise that as a profession we value having someone in that position who is a psychologist.

We urge you to give serious consideration to the NZPB's submission and to the comment from both the NZCCP and the NZ Psychological Society before adopting the proposed modifications.

Yours sincerely

for Nigel Fairley  
PRESIDENT