



28 September 2012

Executive Officer
Medical Radiation Practice Board
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Dear Sir / Madam

Composition of the Accreditation Committee

The Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the Medical Radiation Practice Board in response to the consultation paper on the *Composition of the Accreditation Committee*.

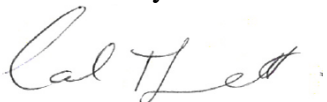
CHF is the national peak body representing the interests of Australian healthcare consumers. CHF works to achieve safe, quality, timely healthcare for all Australians, supported by accessible health information and systems. As such, CHF's primary concern is that consumer views are taken into account at every level of decision making regarding their healthcare and the wider health system.

CHF supports the establishment of an Accreditation Committee of the Board to undertake accreditation functions. However, we would like the proposed composition of the Committee to be strengthened with regard to the possible inclusion of a consumer representative. Consumers are well placed to advise on issues which may impact on medical radiation practice and the conduct of programs of study, which is one of the core functions of the Committee.

Consumer perspectives are often overlooked if they are not present to advocate for themselves. Therefore, we would like the proposed composition of the Committee to specify that it will include at least one consumer representative.

CHF appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the composition of the Accreditation Committee and would be happy to nominate a consumer representative to the Committee. If you would like further assistance with this, please contact CHF Policy Manager, Jo Talbot.

Yours sincerely



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