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Mr Aaron Harper MP

Chair Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee

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Dear Mr Harper,

The *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018* is a welcome step in the right direction, but there is room for improvement.

Although the wording '*substantial risk of harm*' may have increased the risk threshold, it appears that all levels of harm, including trivial harm and inconvenience, need to be reported even though the explanatory note states the opposite.

This wording has the potential to create confusion around the interpretation of the legislation and, worse, may prevent health practitioners from seeking help or being open and honest with their treating practitioner - which would defeat the purpose of the amendments.

Sincerely,

**Dr Edwin Krays**