



11 July 2017

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane
Queensland 4000

Dear Chair,

Re: Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

I am writing to you today in respect of *the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017*.

National Registration for Paramedics

Ambulance Employees Australia Victoria (AEAV) strongly supports the introduction of legislation to regulate the practice of paramedicine in Australia.

Paramedicine Board Membership

The AEAV believes that the Board who will oversee the practice of paramedics in Australia must be representative of the paramedic workforce and have members who are operationally and clinically current.

National Registration and Recognition of Prior Learning

The AEAV understands that for paramedics who have practiced for 5 of the past 10 years there will be a one-off grand parenting for the purposes of national registration. These paramedics will continue to hold registration provided they maintain their authority to practice despite not holding a degree. The AEAV seeks clarification on what will happen to nationally registered non-degree qualified paramedics who due to personal and family circumstances lose their authority to practice. Will these members lose their eligibility to be a nationally registered paramedic? Is there the expectation that after a 12 month absence from the workplace the completion of the degree is mandatory?

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve McGhie".

Steve McGhie
Secretary