



## The Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand

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### **Submission to Physiotherapy Board of Australia regarding consultation on the review of accreditation arrangements**

The Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand (the Board) thanks the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (PBA) for the opportunity to comment on its consultation regarding the review of accreditation arrangements.

The purpose of the Board is to set standards, monitor and promote competence, continuing professional development and proper conduct for the practice of physiotherapy in the interests of public health and safety in New Zealand.

Overall, the Board commends PBA on a thorough consultation process and supports the Australian Physiotherapy Council's (APC) submission. The consultation and submission documents are in-depth, transparent, and professionally collated. The accompanying evidence is detailed and highlights the successful experience to date using APC as the accrediting body for PBA. Breadth and depth of that experience and future intentions are clearly referenced; structure of the APC, including key personnel, risk management and financial strategies, are clearly identified.

In addition to the documented information provided in the consultation, the Board's comments are based on a degree of professional interaction with the APC regarding its accreditation process and implementation. The Board has some direct knowledge of the APC accreditation process and found the supporting consultation document hugely informative.

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