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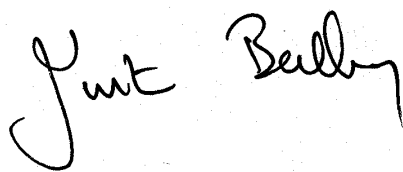
To whom it may concern,

Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand Inc (Medical Deans) is the peak body representing professional-entry level medical education, training and research in Australia and New Zealand. Its members comprise Deans of all eighteen medical schools in Australia and the two New Zealand schools.

Medical Deans is happy to provide in principle support for the application, *Renewal of Medical ID Curriculum: Building medical workforce capacity to meet the complex health care needs of people with an intellectual disability*.

Medical Deans acknowledges the disproportionate high burden of disease and illness and poorer health outcomes for people with Intellectual Disability compared to the general population. It also acknowledges the inequitable access to health care for this group of people and the significant role that the health workforce plays in remedying this problem.

Whilst there are many calls from various disciplines and groups for particular inclusions in the medical curriculum and Medical Deans takes a general approach that no aspect of the curriculum is mandated, other than Indigenous Health, there is merit in a national audit of the intellectual disability health and mental health content as proposed being conducted. This will be an important first step in assessing what further steps could be taken to better prepare medical graduates to be able to meet the health care needs of people with an intellectual disability.



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