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Re: Accreditation standards and accreditation process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft AHPRA documents *Accreditations Standards and Accreditation Processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice*. We have alerted our RTO members of the current consultation, and support the comments and feedback that they will individually provide.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health RTO National Network welcomes the introduction of these accreditations standards, and acknowledge their contributions in ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers have access to high quality, nationally consistent training and professional development.

The ATSIHRTONN Secretariat has reviewed the draft documents. At this stage, our only comment would be for AHPRA to ensure that community-controlled RTOs are provided with adequate support and information to implement the required changes, so that they can meet the new standards and processes without added pressure on existing business operations and resources. Whilst we welcome consistency in accreditation standards, we acknowledge that the processes may result in resource strain on our member RTOs, especially the smaller organisations.

On behalf of our members, we suggest that AHPRA consider offering information and training sessions and/or resources, targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled RTOs, to support these organisations to transition smoothly to the new accreditation standards and processes.

ATSIHRTONN look forward to strengthening the valued relationship with AHPRA and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia; we will continue to disseminate information to our member organisations and consult on their behalf. As such, ATSIHRTONN encourage ongoing communication between the Secretariat and AHPRA, including updates on the current consultation and implementation processes.

If you require further information regarding ATSIHRTONN's comments related to accreditation consultations, please contact me via email [REDACTED] or 08 8273 7200.

Yours sincerely



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