



Suite 1, Level 2
66 Berry Street
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060
DX 10558 NORTH SYDNEY

13 March 2019

Dr Peter Snowden

[REDACTED]
Manager Treatment and Recovery
State Insurance Regulatory Authority

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your continued support of the IMC Format for patient evaluation.

Having been seeing patients exclusively for very predominantly Workers Compensation-related claims, with some other civil forensic evaluations, for the past 18 years, I feel it is by far the most helpful format for all concerned; patients, employers, vocational rehabilitation providers, nominated treating doctors and specialists.

There is also not the stress on patients of an Independent Medical Examination (IME) as they are immediately advised that, to be eligible for an IMC, their claim has been accepted, and they will, in addition to those with whom there is communication, also receive, after discussion with their nominated treating doctor, a copy of the report, from them.

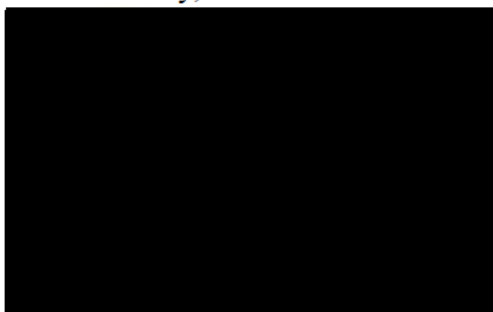
I agree with the process you have outlined, for approval and regulation of IMC providers, the only suggestion I would raise being that there should be consideration of the initial evaluation, leading, if fully compliant with your requirements, immediately to three year certification, for those who had been performing IMC evaluations, already for some time.

I have no experience however, in working with the Motor Accident Authority, having withdrawn following, years ago, successful application. At that time, formal reports, without consultation with others, were required, and with very strict guidelines.

[REDACTED]

Thank you for asking me to provide an opinion concerning the proposed process.

Yours sincerely,



PETER SNOWDON

FRANZCP FFPMANZCA ASAM

Diplomate, American Academy of Pain Management

Certified Member, American Society of Addiction Medicine

Foundation Member Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry

WorkCover Trained Assessor of Permanent Impairment

Injury Management Consultant