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Subject: Proposed IMC approval and regulatory framework
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Good evening

Unfortunately, my online attempt to submit feedback was not able to be suitably completed online.

With regard to the 'Proposed IMC approval and regulatory framework' document it was not clear to me with respect to the "Approval Process" or "Conditions of Approval" sections as to whether salaried doctors (Occupational Physicians) employed by public or private organisations would be eligible to apply or retain their IMC position. While I could not find in the document that such employed doctors would be ineligible, I would appreciate clarification.

There are a few occupational physicians who are employed in the NSW public health system. I would argue that there is no conflict of interest in salaried doctors being an IMC, as we all need to observe and comply with various professional and employer code of conduct policies. Further, unlike doctors who are remunerated by insurers, our objective assessments are not influenced by financial reward, as we get paid irrespective of the opinion and facilitation we provide.

I therefore request due consideration is given to not excluding salaried doctors from becoming an IMC for their own or external organisations.

Yours faithfully
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