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Legal and Social Issues Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Sir,

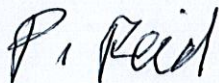
Reference: Inquiry into the Performance of APHRA

I am concerned at what I see has been the slow process of APHRA in dealing with contentious issues such as caused much concern in the community of Stawell in the past two years.

I appreciate that the role of APHRA is to ensure that practitioners are appropriately accredited and practice in accordance with the ethics of their profession, there can also be cases where allegations against a practitioner can be questionable and more related to individual or group interests and not necessarily the public interest.

I would like to recommend that where an issue does involve a deal of controversy involving the public, that it may in the interests of APHRA to conduct a brief public hearing or invite interested community organisations to present a viewpoint as it is the health concerns of the community that can feel the impact of an APHRA decision or delay in making a decision. This is particularly so in small communities.

Yours sincerely,



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