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Review of Mutual Recognition Schemes  
Productivity Commission  
LB2 Collins Street East  
MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Dear Sir or Madam

**Review of Draft Research Report – Mutual Recognition Schemes**

Thank you for inviting comments on the above report. The Dental Technicians Registration Board of New South Wales administers regulatory control over dental technicians and dental prosthetists practising in this state.

In common with other health professional registration boards, the Board's primary role is to protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring that only suitably qualified and competent persons of good character are registered to practise.

With this in mind, the Board noted that its major concern about the schemes had been acknowledged at page 31 of the report, namely, "*differences between jurisdictions in the standards required to obtain a licence* (are not grounds to reject a registration application)." The Board therefore supports the proposition that the occupations division of the Cross-Jurisdictional Review Forum be located in the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and that it be given a broad mandate to receive and investigate concerns raised by occupational regulators.

Yours faithfully

Michael Jaques  
Secretary