Dear Sir/ Madam

I would like to express my concern that my qualification as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer has no representation under the NRAS as it currently stands. Sonographers throughout Australia are a highly organised and co-operative group of professionals who have been denied the right of recognition in our field of expertise by the omission from this scheme.

The Australasian Sonographers Association, or ASA, has been advocating on behalf of the profession for over 20 years. We are currently the only diagnostic imaging profession not to be represented on the NRAS and I would respectfully like to ask - why? Why should the wider community of Sonographers in Australia not be represented when each and every one of our allied professionals are?

It is imperative that we receive this recognition to move forward as a profession, adding to the high level of excellence that we provided in the medical imaging community. Without your assistance, our path forward remains in doubt. Were we to be recognised as a profession under the NRAS, it would assist in maintaining the excellence in patient services that we provide, something that I personally believe is paramount to the health and wellbeing of our community. It will also assist in attracting trainees of high quality, possessing the attributes required for our field in light of the shortage of highly skilled and experienced sonographers.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Your sincerely

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