Sonographer classification has been omitted.

As an accredited ASAR practising sonographer I wonder in the general scheme of this review where my profession is.

I notice that my occupation has not be listed under the (most usually previously defaulted to 'occupation' as 'medical radiation technologist').

Quite frankly this does not bother me at all because:
1. I have not worked as a 'medical radiation technologist' for over 20 years.
2. I am currently not registered with the Registration Board to hold a radiation user's licence and subsequently not legally able to be employed or perform in such a role
3. I do not work with ionising radiation.

What does bother me is:
1. Medical review committees continue to fail to recognise the qualification of sonographer as separate from 'medical radiation technologist'.
2. Medical ultrasound is an under graduate and post graduate qualification.
3. We are required by Australian law to be ASAR accredited as so that all medical imaging providers can claim medicare rebates for ultrasound services.

If.....
1. Our profession is not recognised as 'sonographer' then how is it possible for medical imaging providers to claim medical rebates for ultrasound services provided by an occupation that legally doesn't exist.
2. Our profession does not exist then how under this review am I protected and what avenue of redress do I have.

Many Thanks
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