Submission by Together Queensland Industrial Union of Employees to the Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

The following is the endorsed position of Together members regarding the Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Together members support an efficient and consistent process for registration.

Together members note that although some standards could be common across professions such as CPD hours and a professional code of conduct, accreditation of professional standards and practice guidelines could not be appropriately upheld under a generic council or set of standards, there should be discipline specific requirements.

Together members also suggest that professionals trained in the relevant discipline or field should be assessing the performance of practitioners from that field and not panel members who do not have expertise in the relevant area.

Together’s view is that having strong professional representation on each of the boards is the most efficient way of ensuring public safety and the professional wellbeing of our members.

Together believe that the 6 objectives of National Registration would be best met following the principles expressed in our endorsed position.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme has been operating for only 6 years and has involved the massive undertaking of combining the state regulatory bodies into 14 national boards under the umbrella of AHPRA. The Scheme has been evolving over time and is tending toward the functionality described in our motion. We are confident that the current structure of the scheme will continue to evolve to meet its functional requirement without the need for a wholesale restructure.

Together welcomes further engagement regarding the Review, please don’t hesitate to contact Peter Cattach on 1800 177 244 or Peter.Cattach@together.org.au.