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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your public consultation paper – “Proposed options in relation to acupuncture for the podiatry profession”. As one of several accredited tertiary education providers for acupuncture and Chinese medicine the University of Technology, Sydney support *Option 2 -Not develop podiatry specific Accreditation Standards and Registration Standard for endorsement for acupuncture*. This will ensure that all registered practitioners who use the title “registered acupuncturist” will have met the same standard for safe practice and education requirements as developed by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. Failure to do so may lead to confusion and bewilderment by the public regarding the use of the title by several different professions.

We agree with the Podiatry Board of Australia’s previous view of 1st July 2012 that “podiatrists and podiatric surgeons who wish to use the title ‘acupuncturist’ or who claim to be a registered acupuncturist should apply for registration with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia as an acupuncturist” during the grand-parenting period.

In addition Option 1 would also be an expensive pathway especially in regard to procedural duplication as acupuncture is not a primary or core practice within the scope of podiatry and would require extensive human and physical requirements for development of such a pathway.

Regards



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