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19 February 2014

Mr Roger Bates

Via Email: rjrbs@hotmail.com

Dear Mr Bates

Notice of Board decision to take no further action

I refer to the letter advising you of the assessment of the notification about Dr Catriona Brennan (the practitioner).

On 3 February 2014, the Queensland Medical Interim Notifications Group (the Committee) decided to take no further action under section 151 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Committee decided this because:

- a. The basis of the Committee's 'reasonable belief' is that it has taken into account all known considerations including:
 - i. The allegations contained in the notification information by you and the accompanying attachments received by AHPRA on 5, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 22 December 2013.
 - ii. The practitioner's response to the notification and the accompanying attachments received by AHPRA on 31 December 2013.
 - iii. The practitioner's notification history.
- b. The Committee reasonably believes that the notification is lacking in substance, as:
 - i. There is no information to support the claim that the practitioner inappropriately claimed to hold registration as a psychiatrist.
 - A. You have provided copies of clinical records, including 1 page of a '*Treatment plan: limited community treatment*' dated 3 August 2002, 1 page of a discharge plan (undated) and 1 page of a clinical coding document dated 8 August 2002. The practitioner has signed all three documents. On one document, the discharge plan, the practitioner has signed her title as '*Psychiatry Registrar*'. You indicated that this signifies that the practitioner was claiming to hold registration as a psychiatrist.
 - B. The practitioner states that during the period of time indicated in the notification, August 2002, she was working as a registered medical practitioner as an unaccredited Psychiatry House Officer under the supervision of consultant psychiatrists. This was for a three month rotation during her registrar year. The practitioner states that '*this position did not require that the House Officer was a Fellow of the College of Psychiatry or that the doctor was participating in training for such a qualification*'.

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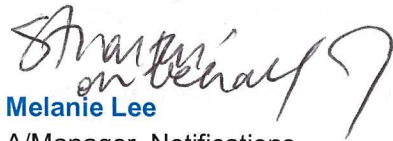
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- C. The practitioner's submission does not claim that she held registration as a psychiatrist or as a member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry (RANZCP). She states that *'I can confirm that I have never engaged in formal training as part of RANZCP Fellowship requirements, nor am I a member of the RANZCP'*.
- c. It is noted that you have made a previous notification about the practitioner in July 2005 relating to her *'administrative practice'*.
- i. The notification alleges that the practitioner failed to comply with the provisions of the Mental Health Act resulting in the imposition of inappropriate drugs.
 - ii. This notification was rejected under section 48 of the Health Practitioner's (Professional Standards) Act 1999.
 - iii. It was noted, in the correspondence provided by you signed by Mr Jim O'Dempsey, Executive Officer of the Office of the Medical Board of Queensland (MBQ) that *'the Board particularly noted in its deliberations that the issues of your complaints had earlier been addressed by Queensland Health, the Crime and Misconduct Commission and the Health Rights Commission... the issues you have raised about each of the practitioners... do not reach the threshold for disciplinary action... The Board therefore resolved that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Complaints Advisory Committee, it would not pursue investigation of your complaints'*.

Thank you for taking the time to raise your concerns. This matter has now been closed.

If you have any queries, please contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495 or qld-notifications@ahpra.gov.au quoting the reference number below.

Yours sincerely



Melanie Lee

A/Manager, Notifications

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