

Supporting statement for positions of Psychiatry Practice Group representative or Private Specialist Practice Representative

Thank you for considering my nomination for these positions.

For the Psychiatry representative, I have worked as a psychiatrist for 33 years as a private psychiatrist with a particular interest in military psychiatry. I am actively involved in the RANZCP as the chair of the Section of Private Practice Psychiatry, as an examiner and accredited supervisor and from May 2024 as an elected Board member. I have a strong understanding of the issues faced by psychiatrists in Australia, both in private practice, in public practice and for trainees. I am a member of the AMA Federal's Mental Health Committee.

I am the AMA immediate past president of South Australia and have served on Federal Council, so have an understanding of the work and expertise required of that position.

I am the current chair of the AMA Federal's Council of Private Specialist Practice. As such, I have a strong understanding of the role of the Private Specialist representative and the current issues the AMA is working on including private health insurance, the crisis in inpatient mental health, payroll tax and legislative moves to allow private health insurance to cover out of hospital care. I am a medical practice owner in Adelaide.

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