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Re: Feedback from the New Zealand College of Chiropractic regarding the proposed increase in the ERI component of the PBRF

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding the proposed increase in the ERI component of the PBRF the New Zealand College of Chiropractic supports this proposal. One of our targets for research excellence at the College involves increasing our external research income by attracting more income from contestable research funds and stakeholder groups.

We believe that by rewarding organisations that are able to attract income in this manner the Ministry will be incentivising organisations to produce quality research that is valued by funders and stakeholders. It will also encourage TEO’s to actively seek additional research income as opposed to promoting the publication of lower quality research outputs in an attempt to increase the number of PBRF funded researchers employed by their organisation.

We believe that the main benefit of this proposed change is that it will increase the quality as opposed to the quantity of research that is being produced by New Zealand TEO’s. The risk is that new and emerging researchers who are less able to generate external research income may become less ‘attractive’ to TEO’s due to a decreased contribution from the PBRF that can be used to subsidise their wage. This may have an impact on their pay scale or chances of employment. However, overall we believe the benefits of this proposal outweigh the risks.

Yours sincerely

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