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The Executive Officer  
Pharmacy Board of Australia  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re Consultation on the amendment of the Code of Conduct for registered health practitioners**

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Guild) supports the proposed amendment to the *Code of Conduct for registered health practitioners* (Code of Conduct) to endorse the Codes of Ethics for pharmacists developed by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA). However, we do question the long-term need to have separate codes for different elements of the profession. Having one profession-specific Code of Ethics with application to pharmacists practising under any professional pharmacy capacity would simplify the approach for all stakeholders.

With the review of Codes and Guidelines in 2013, the Board may give consideration to establishing a single Code of Ethics to complement the Code of Conduct.

Yours sincerely

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