Associate Professor John Allan  
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Dear Associate Professor Allan

On 3 December 2019, the Australian Medical Council (AMC) wrote to the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists to provide the AMC Specialist Education Accreditation Committee’s draft feedback on the 2019 progress report by the College, and to advise that the Committee would be making a recommendation about the ongoing accreditation of the College’s programs to the AMC Directors.

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme which took effect in July 2010, the AMC may grant accreditation if a program or programs and their education provider either meet or substantially meet ‘an approved accreditation standard’. Where a provider substantially meets an approved accreditation standard, the imposition of conditions on the approval must ensure the program meets the standard in a reasonable time. Once it has made its accreditation decision, the AMC provides its report to the Medical Board of Australia to enable the Board to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes.

At their meeting on 16 December 2019, the AMC Directors agreed that the College’s programs meet the accreditation standards and extended the accreditation of the College’s training and education programs in the recognised speciality of psychiatry and the continuing professional development program of the College for a period of three years, until 31 March 2023. This takes the College’s accreditation to the full period which the AMC will grant between assessments, which is ten years.

I have enclosed the final feedback on the College’s progress report prepared by the AMC.

The AMC will be presenting its accreditation decision to the Medical Board of Australia meeting on 28 February 2020. The Medical Board will advise the AMC if it has approved the College’s programs as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration. The details of its decisions will be provided in the communiqué published on the Board’s website http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/.
Please contact Karen Rocca, Manager, Accreditation Projects and Process Development, via email: karen.rocca@amc.org.au or by phone: 02 6270 9760 if you have any questions about the accreditation process or this decision.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Professor David Ellwood
President

cc: Mr Andrew Peters, Chief Executive Officer, RANZCP

**Enclosure:**
- AMC Response to the RANZCP 2019 Progress Report