

SUBMISSION

To: Inquiry into the Administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
Senate
Parliament of Australia

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Dear Sir/Madam

This submission concerns the failure of AHPRA to pay salaries to casual employees appropriately.

There are many members of practitioner boards and hearing panels (I am one) who were owed thousands of dollars in salary, and delays in paying them stretched for months. Only when complaints were made was anything done to pay what was owed.

AHPRA would appear to be in breach of Commonwealth employment legislation, but their response to my complaint has been lacking.

Most members of practitioner boards and hearing panels do this kind of work largely on an altruistic basis, knowing that the salary paid will not reflect what they would otherwise earn in their usual work. This altruism and public spirited manner is treated with contempt by the AHPRA administration which seems unable to comply with their legal obligation to pay salaries accurately and on time.

Yours sincerely