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Senator Alex Gallacher  
Chair  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

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**Re: Operation of the Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training**

Dear Senator Gallacher

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the inquiry into the *Operation of the Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training*.

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- Registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- Developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- Handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- Overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists who wish to practise in Australia, and
- Approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board, as a regulatory Board, is not in a position to provide ethical advice.

The Board does however endorse the APS Code of Ethics in accordance with Section 35 (1)(c) of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (National Law). We believe the Code of Ethics may, if required, provide further guidance in regards to the obligations of registered psychologists in Australia. The Code of ethics can be found at [www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics](http://www.psychology.org.au/about/ethics).

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Yours sincerely

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