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SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

I have worked as a GP/Emergency Department doctor in SA from 1998-2008

I took up a position at Gympie Hospital in November 2008. I got my limited Medical Board Registration in about August 2008 while still in South Africa. My Board registration renewal in 2012 is dependent on my passing the second part of the AMC exam. I moved to Australia with my wife and three children. My wife is a UK trained nurse and all my children are scholars.

I passed the AMC MCQ in August 2009, and have continually applied for the Clinical Exam since. To date, I have still not been given a place for the exam. This precludes me from getting finance for a house, another car or even a computer system, as I will only be financed to the end of my current visa (08.2012). This has placed me and my family in the unenviable position of either returning to South Africa or the UK where I hold full registration.

The AMC clinical is a subjective examination and many don't succeed at the first attempt. If I am only given a place for the exam towards the end of my visa and am unsuccessful at the first attempt, I will not be able to have a second attempt before my visa expires. When one considers the lack of medical doctors in Australia currently, it would appear that the AMC exam allocation is counterproductive to solving the problem.

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