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As discussed and confirmed by Karl Landorf, we wish to submit a revision to the final draft which includes the following paragraph on page 13:

"Under the current process of National Registration & Accreditation, local state and territory health professional registration boards will be disbanded and replaced by national authorities. As such, the Podiatry Board of Australia was constituted in 2009, with the task of taking over the administration of registration and regulation of standards of practice for all Australian podiatrists in July 2010. Under the requirements of the Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008, the Board has already begun consultation on the mechanisms for the arguably overdue implementation of national standards for podiatric prescribing within Australia, to be submitted for approval by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council [94]. However, the move to any national prescribing standard will still be adversely affected by the jurisdiction inconsistencies of local drugs and poisons legislation in different states and territories, and a uniform approach will be a highly desirable long term solution to addressing this problem."

Kind regards,

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