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Ms. Theanne Walters
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Dear Ms. Walters:

On April 20, 2017, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met to evaluate the documents submitted by the Australian Medical Council on behalf of the Government of Australia describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in your country.

The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to determine the comparability of accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in Australia, to the system used to accredit medical schools in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited medical schools in a country that the NCFMEA deems comparable may apply to participate in the U.S. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program. Then, if a medical school participates in the Direct Loan program, U.S. students attending the school may apply for Direct Loans to help cover educational expenses. For more information about foreign schools' participation in the Direct Loan program, please access the Foreign School Information Web page at: <http://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

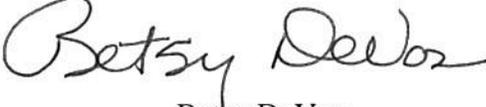
The NCFMEA wishes to thank you for attending the meeting on behalf of the Australian Medical Council. Your testimony was very helpful and the Committee valued your participation in the meeting.

The NCFMEA determined that the standards and processes used by the Australian Medical Council to accredit medical schools in Australia are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States, and required that Australia submit an update report at the Committee's spring 2020 meeting regarding the outstanding issues identified in the Department staff analysis.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the Australian Medical Council before the spring 2020 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of the material. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jennifer Hong, NCFMEA Executive Director, at jennifer.hong@ed.gov or Patricia Howes, Committee Coordinator, at patricia.howes@ed.gov.

Thank you for providing the information regarding your country's accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,



Betsy DeVos

cc: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Australian Desk
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