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Good afternoon,

I wish to contribute my opinion to the OBA registration issue and fully endorse the message expressed below from the OAA e-bulletin last week.

*'Our concern is that there will be members who choose not to be therapeutically qualified and this properly should be a matter entirely for them to decide. Provided members who choose not to add therapeutics to their qualifications may continue to practise as they do now and are treated appropriately under any new arrangements, our position is to support the OBA proposal.'*

From my personal perspective, that is exactly my position as well.

I have no desire to gain therapeutic qualifications and, at age 50 this year, would see myself taking early retirement if it should be made mandatory as a condition of registration. I practise with a high level of personal satisfaction to a very grateful rural community, well served by competent GP's with whom I share excellent rapport, and backed up by regional ophthals. The clients I serve would be disadvantaged if my early retirement was to be the outcome. I would hope that therapeutics will remain an optional qualification and that I can continue to serve my client base for many years to come.

Kind regards,

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