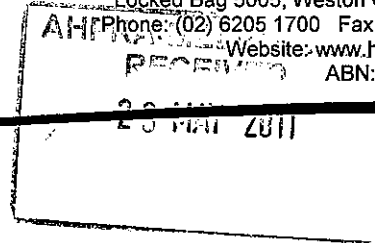




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Dear Mr Brizzi

Review of Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 References

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the consultations for the aforementioned review.

I have considered the proposed changes to the Guidelines and support all three proposals.

I also wish to draw your attention to the Health (Community Pharmacy Premises) Approved Standard 2010 (No 1) under the *Health Act 1993*, that came into force in the ACT as part of the 'residual legislation' arrangements following the repeal of the *Health Professionals Act 2004* and the dissolution of the ACT Pharmacy Board in July 2010. This Standard includes a list of reference works required to be kept at the pharmacy premises, which were adopted from the previous ACT Pharmacy Board Standards.

Therefore, the proposed changes will create disparity between the AHPRA pharmacist Guidelines and the ACT Standard for pharmacies. The Health Protection Service is currently exploring options for amending the *Health Act 1993* and will consider changing the current reference works standard to align with the proposed AHPRA Guidelines as part of this process.

Sincerely

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