

## **Supporting Statement from Board nominee**

### **Casteleijn, David**

I have been in private practice as a Naturopath since 1992, my qualifications at the time were diplomas in Naturopathy, Western Herbal Medicine, Nutrition, Homoeopathy, Iridology, Flower essences and Mineral Therapy. I have a background in the Behavioural Sciences and also a Registered Nurse, have been teaching at Endeavour since 2002.

As a board member I have been chair of the professions committee and in that role have coordinated a number of key Government and industry submissions, these have included to the TGA in relation to the scheduling of Arbutin, and met with the Health minister's office on a number of occasions with regards to the removal of Naturopathy and Western Herbal Medicine from PHI rebates, as well as meeting with the Health Department with regards to the Terms of Reference for the update of the NHMRC review. I am one of the NHAA representatives to the Australian Naturopathic Council and share the WNF Secretary role with a fellow NHAA board member.

If re-elected I am keen to continue this work towards reinstating PHI rebates and maintain Education standards as well as doing what I can to advance the course of Registration, as well as continuing to make submissions when required about regulatory changes to our medicines especially Herbal Medicines. I am also keen to continue working to enhance cooperative working relationships with other professions through their professional bodies and finding ways associations which represent Naturopathy and Herbal Medicine can find common ground and work together.