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**Subject: From Emeritus Prof John Dwyer - invitation to join "Friends of Science in Medicine"**

Dear Colleagues,

As the attached letter explains in detail, more than 100 prominent scientists and clinicians are supporting an initiative that aims to pressure universities offering non- evidence based "pseudoscience" courses to stop doing so. More than half of our tertiary institutes offer courses that give credibility to nonsense such as Homeopathy, Reflexology, Kinesiology, Healing Touch therapy, Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Iridology, and Energy Medicine etc. With all but one private health insurer offering coverage for such therapies it is difficult, even in this most scientific of ages, to educate the public about the importance of the evidence base for the therapy they receive.

We are hoping to develop a roster of outstanding scientists and clinicians whom Vice-Chancellors and Deans would find it hard to ignore as collectively we urge them to once again give primacy to evidence based science.

We are writing to you, as you have been trusted by the NH&MRC to review applications to the council for support. Obviously you will only support good science and may well be as frustrated as we are that "pseudoscience" is flourishing. May we add your name to our list? Please read the attached and respond to our organisation "The Friends of Science in Medicine" using our email address;[scienceinmedicine@bigpond.com](mailto:scienceinmedicine@bigpond.com) <<mailto:scienceinmedicine@bigpond.com>>.

I do hope you can strengthen our campaign

Best wishes and thanks in advance

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