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From: Sarah and John Singleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2016 8:29 p.m.
To: Consultations
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2016/17 APC fee and disciplinary levy consultation

Dear Dental Council,

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed increase to the APC fee. I feel that an increase of 20% is excessive and requires further explanation to those of us that pay these fees. I would like to have explained why there is an increase in Council costs of 33% and why Liaison costs have also increased a further 18% despite large increases to Liaison costs in recent years? Your proposed computer software expenditure defies belief, logic and common sense. I would also like an explanation as to why the Dental Council is "developing standards". This is not its role. The role of the Dental Council is to see that standards are set and maintained. This smacks of the Dental Council making work for itself. Can you please also explain why there is no consultation with the New Zealand Dental Association with regard to the development of standards.

Finally I am concerned at the large difference between what the New Zealand Dental Council requires oral health practitioners to pay in fees as compared with all other New Zealand health authorities as presented to us in an email by Dr Jonathan Broadbent. I can think of no justification for such a large discrepancy between the fees of these different professions. I believe that DCNZ needs to engage in some critical self-analysis as to why it exists and the necessary scale of its operation.

Yours sincerely,

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