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To: Consultations
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Subject: Draft 2017/18 Council budget, and proposed APC increase

Dear DCNZ committee members,

I would like to express my concern at the fee rise for the dentist and dental specialist annual practising certificate proposed by the draft DCNZ 2017/18 budget. The increase from \$1000.26 in 2015 to \$1205.27 proposed for 2017 is extraordinary, and represents an increase of over 20%. Such an increase is way out of line with the rate of inflation over the past few years, and is unacceptable.

I am also opposed to \$150,000 of resources being used for updating the Codes of Practice, which is essentially a duplicate of the regularly reviewed existing Codes.

Practitioners deserve a more detailed explanation as to why such large increases are necessary. Why, for example, do dentists pay fees so much higher than other health professionals - doctors, pharmacists and physiotherapists?

While I appreciate the work done by the Council, I would be grateful if you would review your proposed budget to examine ways to reduce costs, and the subsequent burden on practitioners.

With kind regards,

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