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Friday the 16th of December 2016

Dental Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to respond to the notification seeking submissions on the 2017/18 draft budgets, annual practicing certificate (APC) fees, disciplinary levies and other fees.

In the document, you say that the "Council is committed to ensuring that it operates in a cost effective manner and strives to maintain a balance between ensuring the efficient and effective discharge of its public safety obligations and practitioner affordability"

We have been advised by our Dental Association that there is budgeted a 20% increase in APC fees over 2 years, a 25% increase in staff costs at council and surprisingly an 80% budgeted decrease in planning and governance. I agree with the our Dental Association that an increase in APC of 3%, in line with CPI would be more acceptable.

I also believe that the dental council's role in enforcing practice standards is crucial. However it appears to be a waste of resources in developing standards and frameworks separately from the NZDA. The better use of funds and resources would be to work together in development of standards, which the council can set in turn.

Yours faithfully,

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