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Sent: Friday, 16 December 2016 6:45 a.m.  
To: Consultations  
Subject: Feedback on proposed annual practicing certificate fee

Dear Sirs,

While fee increases to keep up with inflation has to be expected, the proposed increase seems excessive. To support such an increase as a dentist I would need to be convinced that an increase in services provided to the average dentist had been substantially improved through additional benefits. The Council appears to be proposing to double up with the NZDA on practice advice, and has a blowout in staff costs.

The increase in fees being proposed has come from costs rising without an apparent benefit for the average dentist. Perhaps it is time to consider a more focused user pays regime for investigations, and a general pledge to keep costs in check and in line with inflation going forward. The average personal dental income has probably not grown above inflation with respect to the more recent years of the GFC, and this should be taken into account when raising fees.

I hope you will reconsider all expenditure and particularly staffing costs to determine the best way forward, and seek to peg fees to inflation going forward.

Yours sincerely

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