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To The Dental Council
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the proposed increase in the APC.

As a professional body, the NZ Dental Association has made objections previously on this matter. This was not accepted by the Dental Council partly because it was the only submitter. However our Association represents the vast majority of dentists, and therefore its submissions should be accepted.

The proposed increase would bring the increase over the last two years to 20.5%. This is excessive. The Dental Council staff costs over the same period are forecast to increase by over 20%. No business can simply increase costs like that and expect their customer base to remain loyal and just to support that without objection.

The strongest objection to the use of our funds I have is for the Dental Council proposal to produce Practice Standards, at almost a 60% increase on the 2015 spend.

Why does the Council feel the need to produce Practice Standards when the NZDA has produced these over the years? The Association has regularly reviewed and updated them over the decades, and they have been produced to the highest professional led standards. How could the Council hope to do any better?

I strongly object to our fees being increased.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilton King", written over a horizontal line.

Hilton King B.D.S (Otago)