

Dear Marie,

Please find my submission relating to the proposal fee increase for the dentists APC.

My submission supports the view of the NZDA – not surprising when the size of the increase in fee is noted, and I quote “We note there is a budgeted 20% increase in APC fees over 2 years, a 25% increase in staff costs at the council, and an 80% budgeted decrease in planning and governance. We feel an increase of 3% in line with CPI would be more acceptable”.

The NZ Dental Association has produced its own Codes of Conduct for most areas and the Council has spent an inordinate amount of energy in duplicating these codes.

The increase is disappointing in that the more proper approach would be to reduce the fee to recompense the members for the services not performed recently, for instance the monitoring of the man power levels over the past five years.

I wish to place my objection to the proposed increase.

John Twaddle