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Subject: APC Levy (Dentists)

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been practising dentistry in New Zealand for the last 8 years and has seen an annual increase in the APC levy. Over the 8 year period this levy has gone from just over \$700.00 to somewhere in the vicinity of \$1200.00 per annum ,which means an increase of more than 50% over this period.

During this same period, my annual income has stayed more or less the same and did not keep up with inflation at all. I find it increasingly difficult to understand how it can be justified to keep on increasing the levy without taking into account the lack of a proportional increase in dental fees. A 50% increase of dental fees over this same period would be ridiculous and so is the case with the APC levy.

I therefore strongly object to this unrealistic rise in APC levies.

Yours sincerely,

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