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Subject: Consultation on Dental Council Draft budgets

Marie Warnar
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Dear Marie,

I am concerned at the rising costs for the dental profession and their affect on patient fees. Dentist's compliance costs are increasing markedly and particularly in a low inflation period, fixed costs need to be kept under control.

Mandatory costs for APCs , insurance ,continuing education, Health & safety, & improved compliance standards are all rising.

Dentistry is already too expensive for many New Zealanders.

The relative cost for a dentist's APC when compared with other professions is extraordinary. (Broadbent)

The high costs for software & computer hardware in the proposed budget should perhaps be offset by increased efficiencies and decreased staff time required?

I appreciate that the Council is doing very worthwhile work and that your staff are very industrious but the welfare of the public is paramount.

I am trying to provide good quality, efficient care for my patients at an affordable price and feel that

APC charges increases should be related to the cost of inflation. For dentists working part time (particularly for those with young children, or those approaching retirement) increasing the fixed costs to be a dentist can be prohibitive .

Disciplinary fees are necessary, but it seems a shame that a few dentists cost the profession so much

- we pay both to prosecute and to defend them.

Yours Sincerely

