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Dear Marie

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Dental Council (the Council) of New Zealand's *Consultation on proposed changes to prescribed qualifications* dated 11 July 2016.

We note that the Council has undertaken educational reviews of two dental specialist programmes during 2015, and granted accreditation to the following programmes not previously accredited by the Council:

- University of Otago - Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral Surgery
- Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia - Fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

The Ministry has no specific comments on the accreditation.

Yours sincerely



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