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Tēnā koe Marie,

RE: Consultation on 2018/2019 budget, APC Fees and Disciplinary levies

The New Zealand Dental Hygienists' Association welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2018/2019 budget, APC Fees and Disciplinary levies for the Dental Council.

At our NZDHA Executive meeting, we discussed this consultation.

We, the NZDHA Executive, agree on:

1. The proposed 2018/2019 Dental Council of New Zealand budget
2. All other proposed fees (registration, examination, competence, health accreditation etc...)
3. The proposed APC fee for oral health therapists (of whom we have many members with this new scope of practice) of \$663.85 plus GST
4. a CPI adjustment equivalent to 2% on all other fees

We also agree on the following for proposed disciplinary levies:

- dental hygienists/orthodontic auxiliaries of \$125.17 plus GST *and*
- oral health therapists of \$154.19 plus GST

We are however, very concerned that the APC plus disciplinary fee totals (plus GST) for dental hygienists/orthodontic auxiliaries has increased to \$846.53 - an increase of \$209.91. This does not take into consideration that many dental hygienists/orthodontic auxiliaries salaries have not increased as dramatically within this timeframe. Furthermore, many dental hygienists/orthodontic auxiliaries work part-time, yet pay the full APC fees. We have noticed a similar increase in dental therapists fees, the majority of whom work in public practice.

Ngā mihinui,

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NZDHA President