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Marie Warner Chief Executive Dental Council of New Zealand PO Box 10-448 Wellington 6143

Dear Marie

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Dental Council of New Zealand's (the Council) consultation, issued on 6 October 2017, on the:

- draft 2018/19 budget
- proposed Annual Practising Certificate fees and disciplinary levies for dental therapists, dental hygienists (including orthodontic auxiliaries), dental technicians, clinical dental technicians and oral health therapists for the recertification year commencing 1 April 2018; dentists and dental specialists for the recertification year commencing 1 October 2018
- proposed registration, examination, competence programme, fitness to practice and other miscellaneous fees effective from 1 April 2018.

Thank you for your work on these issues. The details of each item are clearly laid out and well explained. The Ministry supports the Council's proposals and has no further comment to make on these items.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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National Clinical Director, Oral Health

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