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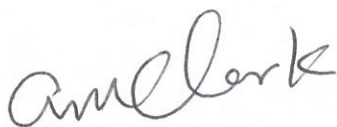
Dear Marie

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2019 seeking the Director-General of Health's comment on the Dental Council's draft naming policy. Dr Ashley Bloomfield has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I appreciate that you have the process of developing and consulting on a naming policy well under way. Overall, the Ministry, including the oral health team, agrees with the policy statement and the draft policy seems to comply with section 157B of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. For legal clarity, you may wish to incorporate more of the terminology from section 157B(3), and particularly 157B(3)(a). We have no additional comments.

Again, thank you for the time you have put into developing a draft naming policy. I trust the consultation process runs smoothly for you.

Yours sincerely



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