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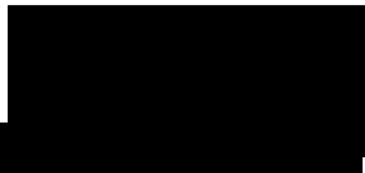
First name

Sheryne

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Last name

Beeby



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New Zealand

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

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Company/organisation name

Discover Dental

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Registered oral health practitioner

In what capacity are you making this submission?

Page 3: About your submission

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Dental hygienist

What is your profession?

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Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

23363

Page 4: Proposed registration pathways

Q9

Yes

Do you believe the proposed changes will help reduce barriers to registration for suitably trained overseas practitioners?

Q10

Please tell us why:

Yes, as this will open pathways for more overseas practitioner's to request to work in New Zealand. This will then jeopardise the positions available for New Zealanders that are qualified or about to qualify in their field of practice, thus reducing job opportunities for Kiwi's.

Page 5: Introduction of the proposed 'Competent authority - registration' pathway

Q11

Partially support

Do you support the introduction of the 'Competent authority - registration' pathway? [Click to learn more](#) about the proposed pathway

Q12

Please tell us why:

I understand they have been trained and currently working overseas in their field but to work in NZ they need to hold an accredited qualification as I am of the understanding that all current practitioners in NZ have all had to earn their qualifications to be able to practice in NZ.

Page 6: Introduction of the proposed 'Comparable health system' pathway

Q13

Partially support

Do you support the introduction of the 'Comparable health system' pathway for dentists? [Click to learn more](#) about the proposed pathway

Q14

Please tell us why:

N/A, though I feel this is similar to the last question where we need to protect and encourage NZ trained dentists to expect overseas trained dentists to be as qualified as NZ dentists.

Page 7: Introduction of the proposed 'Teaching and research' pathway

Q15

Support

Do you support the introduction of the 'Teaching and research' pathway? Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

Q16

Please tell us why:

Teaching is a very important role and the teacher must be competent in all aspects of clinical and non clinical areas. This role is different to a practising dentist so I agree they would not be able to practice in an independent clinical practice and permanent supervision.

Page 9: Proposed removal of requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration

Q17

Oppose

Do you support removing the requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration in New Zealand, subject to the relevant medical training and clinical experiences being embedded into the specialist training programme? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q18

Please tell us why:

This is a very specialised field and would definitely require a medical degree for oral medicine registration to protect the general public and the practising oral surgeon.

Page 10: Proposed removal of requirement to register in dental technology before registering in CDT

Q19

Support

Do you support removing the requirement to register in dental technology before registering in clinical dental technology? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

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Please tell us why:

This seems fair and not really of a concern as it states clinical technology and not dental technology is the priority to be able to register in this scope of practice.

Page 11: Proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements

Q21

Oppose

Do you support the proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q22

Please tell us why:

I strongly oppose to dentists being able to sit a dental hygiene examination as periodontology is quite a specific area which a lot of dentists do not seem to have the same understanding or ability to treat patients with periodontal issues. Also dentists would be competing with Dental hygienists for their jobs and this could pose a problem as an overseas dentist that can practice as a hygienist could be more appealing to patients as an one stop shop!

Page 12: Proposed administrative changes to the prescribed qualifications

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Dental hygiene

Do you have feedback on the proposed administrative changes to prescribed qualifications for any of the scopes of practice, as reflected in the draft Gazette notices?

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Please tell us your feedback. When discussing multiple scopes, please indicate clearly which scope of practice you are referring to in your comment.

Speaking only from a Dental Hygienists viewpoint, I am concerned that overseas dentists and working clinicians without accreditation will be a threat to existing NZ oral health workers who have trained and qualified in their chosen field. I understand overseas practitioners need a fair deal and I have no concerns with that if they sit clinical and theory examinations to equate to our current scopes of practice. This would make it fairer to all parties without compromising the oral health practitioners of NZ.

Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

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No

Do you find the proposed fees for the new registration pathways reasonable? Proposed fee notice

Q26

Please tell us why or why not?

They seem very high and will be difficult for a lot of people to pay this as the cost of living has risen but wages haven't. It seems to be Dental Hygienists that will be paying the highest fees because we are a smaller body but this is unfair as we have been practising longer than oral health and dental therapists have.

Page 14: Thank you for your time

Q27

Is there any additional feedback you would like to share on the consultation?

Not at this stage. thank you.
