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Dear practitioner,

### **Outcome on the proposed Standards Framework for Oral Health Practitioners consultation**

The Dental Council issued its consultation on the proposed *Standards Framework for Oral Health Practitioners* in August 2014, and the consultation closed in October 2014. The Council appreciates all the feedback received, and considered the comments during its November and December 2014 meetings.

Following the Council's consideration of the submissions it has further refined the draft Standards Framework. The next steps in further development of the Standards Framework include:

- *A key stakeholder discussion forum* - to provide key stakeholders with an overview of the consultation feedback, the proposed changes to the Standards Framework, and some initial discussion on the proposed changes (13 February 2015).<sup>1</sup>
- *The Follow-up consultation document* to be issued to all Council stakeholders (March 2015)
- *Targeted discussion forums* – practitioners and other stakeholders can engage with the Council representatives on the updated proposed framework to inform their consultation submissions (March/April 2015 in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin).

Video conferencing or webinar facilities will be explored to extend access outside of these centres. Further details on the dates and venues will be made available early in the new year.

- Council's consideration of the consultation submissions - depending on the outcome of the submission feedback the final Standards Framework could be adopted, or if required, a further consultation will be initiated for any substantial changes (June 2015).
- A Dental Council Roadshow to promote awareness to practitioners of the newly adopted *Standards Framework for Oral Health Practitioners* and other Council initiatives (2015/16).

The Council encourages all stakeholders to participate in this engagement process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



Marie Warner  
Chief Executive

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<sup>1</sup> Professional organisations, Ministry of Health, Health and Disability Commissioner, Accident Compensation Corporation, educational institutions.