



## **FIFTH MEETING OF THE DENTAL BOARD OF AUSTRALIA 26 FEBRUARY 2010**

The fifth meeting of the Dental Board of Australia was held on 26 February 2010 at the Hilton Melbourne Airport. The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*.

As in previous meetings, in its fifth meeting the Board focussed on the matters it had to resolve to enable the scheme to commence on 1 July 2010. The Board gave further consideration to matters of budget in order that the Board's first Health Profession Agreement can be prepared.

The Board noted progress with implementation of the new national scheme. The Board is making good progress against its work plan.

The Board noted feedback from the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme sub-committee regarding its proposals to Ministerial Council. The Board has agreed to make minor editorial amendments to its proposals which do not affect the content of the proposals however ensure consistency with the National Law.

The Board agreed to the following proposed common codes and guidelines on:

- Mandatory Notifications
- Advertising
- Conduct

The Board also agreed to the following proposed codes and guidelines on:

- Infection control
- Continuing Professional Development
- Dental Records

As agreed at a previous meeting the proposed codes and guidelines will be released for public consultation with the consultation period ending on 9 April 2010.

The Board considered arrangements under the National Law through which the National Boards for Nursing and Midwifery, Optometry and Podiatry are seeking to grant scheduled medicines endorsements for suitably trained registrants. The Board agreed to the establishment of a Scheduled Medicines Expert Advisory Group to be chaired by a nominee of the Pharmacy Board of Australia.

The Board considered a number of other administrative and financial matters, including proposed registration application forms and proposed delegation of functions to State and Regional Boards, committees and agency staff.

The Board once again acknowledged the continuing efforts of existing State and Territory boards in preparing for implementation of the National Scheme, as well as accrediting bodies, AHPRA

and the National Registration and Accreditation Implementation Project team. The Board noted the 28<sup>th</sup> *Meeting of the Presidents & Registrars of the Dental Boards of Australia and New Zealand* on 25 March 2010 and an upcoming meeting with the Australian Dental Council, which will provide further opportunity to discuss issues and work together.

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