

I would like to submit that I have serious concerns regarding changes to the Scope of Practice Registration Standard and Guidelines proposed by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as they may affect Members.

Some of the proposals, if implemented will change the face of dentistry and undermine the safety of the public.

My main concerns are:

- 1) The changes do nothing to balance the available workforce against the burden of oral disease in the community.
- 2) A change to the 'registration standard' places a requirement on university curricula to then ensure they match this standard.
- 3) Correct diagnosis of adult patients requires a variety of skill sets, which require 5-7 years to acquire through a dentist's degree. Without this complete skill set accurate diagnosis is not possible.
- 4) The definition of dentistry applying to a dentist is overly restrictive. A dentist's degree provides a core skill set, which allows further evaluation and integration of additional skills. There is no need for an all-inclusive definition of what constitutes dentistry to exist to then be applied to a dentist.

Yours Sincerely,

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