

Dear Sir/Madam

The National Board has proposed key changes to the Scope of practice registration standard. I write to express my concern with a number of proposed changes.

Expanding the scope of practice for dental hygienist/therapist/prosthodontists through additional training provides a means by which future dental professionals can shortcut through a two year degree and attend weekend courses/workshops (already being lined up) to qualify to treat the Australian public using all aspects of dentistry. Creating a means by which these acts can occur is incredibly irresponsible.

I have also been informed that many NSW and VIC dentists have not been informed of the proposed changes. I feel that any justified change should include a larger portion of the dental community being aware of the potential changes.

Regards,

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