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Subject: Scope of Practice Consultation

Dr John Lockwood
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Re: Scope of Practice Public Consultation

I write to express deep concern over the Dental Board's proposed changes to the Scope of Practice Registration Standard. In my view, the proposed changes pose a significant risk to patients and undermine the foundations of the dental team.

Further, it is clear to me that the proposed changes have been considered in isolation and neglect to consider the broader context. Any changes to Scope of practice must also consider the legal limits to practice and the minimum competency set of all dental practitioners.

The most compelling reason to not do this is that it will not decrease dental costs, in the same way that allowing Dental Technicians to deal directly with the public did not decrease the cost of dentures.

It will however lead to more operators desperately chasing patients, also though they will call them customers or clients, and as is already happening with the proliferation of corporate clinics, shamelessly enticing the gullible with offers of a some free service, and use it as a springboard for wasteful and maybe even damaging overserviceing.

Regards,

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