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Second consultation on Scope of Practice for Dietitians

Dear Sue

Thank you for inviting the New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) to provide further feedback on proposals to amend the scope of practice for dietitians.

As noted in our previous submission, dated 2 May 2016, the NZMA is supportive of the aim to have a robust scope of practice with clear and specific definitions.

We are pleased that both versions put forward in the second consultation have clarified that prescribing is limited to Special Foods and approved nutrition-related medicines, and that giving advice on medicine-related health issues has been removed.

Of the two options, we have not arrived at a clear preference. While there is a view that Option 1 is perhaps clearer and more concise than Option 2, there is also a view that there may be merit in merging the two.

We hope this additional feedback is helpful and look forward to learning the outcome of this consultation.

Yours sincerely



Dr Stephen Child
NZMA Chair

