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### **Consultation on proposed Council fees and disciplinary levy**

Dear Curtis

The New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) wishes to provide feedback on the above consultation. As you know, the NZMA is New Zealand's largest medical organisation, with about 5,000 members from all areas of medicine. The NZMA aims to provide leadership of the medical profession, and to promote professional unity and values, and the health of all New Zealanders.

We note that Council is proposing the following changes to its fees:

- a reduction in the practising certificate fee by \$28.26 and an increase in the disciplinary levy of \$33.65. Overall, this results in a net increase in the practising certificate fee and disciplinary levy of \$5.39 to \$773.60 (0.7%).
- increasing the four different fees paid to medical colleges for advice on overseas-trained specialists applying for registration in a provisional vocational scope of practice, based on feedback from medical colleges.
- implementing a new annual retention fee of \$130.43, to be charged to non-practising doctors who choose to be retained on the register.

The NZMA is comfortable with Council's proposed changes to its fees.

Yours sincerely



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NZMA Chair