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The guiding principles of the National Scheme, as set out in the National Law include
: transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair operation of the National Scheme.
: restrictions on the practice of a health professional are to be imposed only to the extent
necessary to ensure health services are provided safely and are of an appropriate quality.

In regard to the COAG Principles for Best Practice Regulation, I am of the opinion that there are
still issues with the Standard in relation to unnecessary regulatory burdens that would create
unjustified costs for the profession and the community.

The standard still states that dental therapist oral health therapist and hygienist are not
independent practitioners. I believe it is time for this restriction to be removed. I strongly
recommend that the Standard be changed to reflect this.

I support changes in the scope of practice for dental therapist, dental hygienist and oral health
therapists recommended by The Parliamentary Committee in "Bridging the Dental Gap" report.
The Dental Board needs to work with Government to effect these advancements in delivery of
dental services to low income clients rural, remote and vulnerable groups in the community.

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