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Dear Ms Mills 

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2020, in relation to an invitation to provide feedback on the draft Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs.

The Australian Dental Council, through its accreditation of dental training and education programs in Australia, plays a key role in ensuring protection of the public. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the current draft Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs.

I am particularly pleased with the inclusion of the new Standard 6, acknowledging the responsibility of health professionals to have the knowledge and skills to deliver culturally safe health care and recognising the value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers bring to the health system.

I also note and welcome the proposed inclusion of consumers with a role in the development of training and education program design, which will lead to better quality care and improved health outcomes.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Dr Mark Brown, Chief Dental Officer, Office of the Chief Dental Officer, Clinical Excellence Queensland, on telephone 07 3328 9873, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely



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