

Dear Ms Kelly

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Review of OCANZ Accreditation Standards. The Health Ombudsman has asked me to provide a response on his behalf.

I note that OCANZ compared the accreditation standards with those of other registered professions and that the use of the five domains format is generally consistent. OHO supports the approach to achieve greater consistency within the National scheme. I note however that the Australian Dental Council includes a sixth domain on cultural safety. OHO would welcome seeing this domain adopted by OCANZ [and other professions]. OHO supports elevating the prominence, priority and commitment to cultural safety, by adopting the Australian Dental Council 6<sup>th</sup> domain. As acknowledged by the discussion paper and Professor West, this is important to mitigate risk of cultural safety being relegated to a sub-standard, and being lost in the framework and within the other domains.

OHO does not have any other comment on the accreditation standards.

Thank you

Regards

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