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Dear Ms Chappell

**Subject: AHPRA - Public Consultation Common Registration Standards**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AHPRA Review of Criminal History registration standard and English language skills registration standard.

Criminal History Registration Standard

**Oral Health Services Tasmania (OHST) endorses AHPRA preferred Option 1**

This option is for AHPRA to continue with the existing registration standard. The registration standard lists the factors that a National Board will consider in deciding whether a health practitioner's criminal history is relevant to the practice of their profession, whether the criminal history occurred in Australia or overseas.

English Language Skills Registration Standard

**OHST endorses AHPRA's preferred Option 2**

The research conducted by the National Boards has helped inform the development of a revised English language skills registration standard that is largely common across the 13 National Boards participating in this consultation.

OHST supports more options being available for applicants for the Australian Dental Council examinations to demonstrate their English language proficiency. Based on the research conducted, OHST is satisfied that the revised standard will continue to ensure public safety.

Yours sincerely



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