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STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2019

THE AUSTRALIAN DENTAL COUNCIL

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is the independent accreditation authority that has been assigned the accreditation functions for the dental profession by the Dental Board of Australia under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Founded in 1993, the ADC has a proud history of accrediting education providers and programs of study for the dental profession and for the assessments of overseas-trained dental practitioners who wish to practise in Australia.

The ADC is an independent not-for-profit company. Current members of the ADC include professional bodies, academic bodies and members of the Australian dental professions. ADC directors are selected on the basis of their expertise, skills and experience.

THE ADC'S VISION

As the accreditation authority for the dental health sector in Australia, the ADC aspires to be a leader in accreditation and assessment nationally and internationally.

THE ADC'S MISSION

The ADC plays a key role in fostering the provision of high quality healthcare and enhancing the community's trust and confidence in dental practitioners. It does this through:

- setting quality standards for education that accommodate the changing delivery of health care
- fostering high quality dental education programs and ensuring capable graduates through its accreditation processes
- assessing the competency and capability of overseas-trained dental practitioners who seek to practise in Australia
- collaborating with other professional bodies and agencies in the interests of community health, and
- contributing expertise to other health professions.

THE ADC'S ETHICS

The ADC:

- follows ethical practices in all areas of its operations
- respects the interests of its stakeholders
- uses fair, thorough and robust accreditation and assessment processes
- preserves its independence in decision making and manages conflicts of interest in all services and processes
- is a family-friendly employer that supports its people to achieve their professional goals, and
- supports workforce diversity, inclusion, equal opportunity and environmental sustainability.

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ADC KEY RESULT AREAS — STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2016-2019

GOVERNANCE

The ADC is effective in its governance by:

- maintaining awareness of the ADC's operating context and informing and anticipating national and international developments
- demonstrating excellent governance through the capabilities of its Board and governance arrangements
- identifying and mitigating risks to the effectiveness and sustainability of the ADC

ORGANISATONAL CAPABILITY

The ADC maximises its organisational capability by:

- practising effective resource management
- having ethical, efficient and financially sustainable business processes
- encouraging innovation and exploring new business opportunities
- developing the capabilities of those who contribute to the ADC in its functions
- developing staff capabilities in an enabling and supportive environment
- strengthening ADC's knowledge base
- being a good corporate citizen

ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT

The ADC achieves excellent accreditation and assessment practices by:

- maintaining accreditation and assessment standards that are based on available research and are consistent with national and international benchmarks
- ensuring standards are developed and reviewed through broad consultation with stakeholders
- ensuring accreditation and assessment processes are independent, evidence-based, rigorous and grounded in contemporary best practice
- maintaining informed, unbiased, fair and transparent decision-making in accreditation and assessment decisions
- ensuring that accreditation of programs fosters quality improvement in dental education
- providing expertise in accreditation and assessment to other health disciplines

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The ADC engages with its stakeholders by:

- providing opportunities for stakeholders consultation and co-operation
- ensuring that stakeholders inform, and are informed of, the work of the ADC
- monitoring and responding to the needs and expectations of recipients of ADC services
- collaborating with relevant national and international agencies