

## Anne Symons Submission to ADC Draft Accreditation Standards Consultation

| Respondent details                                                  |                        |
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| <b>Name:</b>                                                        | Anne Symons            |
| <b>Organisation:</b>                                                | ADC                    |
| <b>Role/capacity:</b>                                               | ADC Assessor/ Academic |
| <b>Location:</b>                                                    | Metro                  |
| <b>Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</b> | No                     |

  

| Response to consultation questions                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Do you consider that the draft Standards are at the threshold level to deliver competent graduates who are safe to practise?</b><br>(Yes, Somewhat, No, Unsure) | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Additional comments:</b>                                                                                                                                        | <p>The standards support safety in dental practice. However, ensuring this standard is 100 % supported in each program is difficult to monitor. Quality assurance relies on all support and teaching staff having suitable qualifications and experience to support safe and ethical practice. This is addressed in the new criteria 5.7. However, my past experience in dental programs and accreditations have revealed that clinical supervision (supervisor to student ratio, supervisor clinical experience, supervisors with variable or no student teaching experience), patient availability and sufficient clinical experience (time rostered) do not support safe practice within the program and impact on the standard of graduates.</p> |
| <b>Do you agree with the specific proposals as incorporated in the draft Standards?</b><br>(Yes, Somewhat, No, Unsure)                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Additional comments:</b>                                                                                                           | <p>There are many individuals within our community that require consideration when providing clinical care.</p> <p>I'm not sure how this is monitored or incorporated within each dental program. Many students gain clinical experience in the public sector. Students interact with patients who are eligible for care, often from a different socio-economic background from the student. Exposing the student to a variety of individuals will assist their understanding of the community and hopefully enable them to provide quality and respectful care to all patients irrespective of health, age, cultural background, education and economic status.</p> |
| <b>Are there any additional Standards or Criteria that should be added?</b><br>(Yes, No, Unsure)                                      | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Additional comments:</b>                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Are there any Standards or Criteria that should be deleted or reworded?</b><br>(Yes, No, Unsure)                                   | Unsure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Additional comments related to your response, and clearly reference the specific criteria you are referring to for refinement.</b> | The document is well thought out and expressed. My previous comments in this survey are optional for inclusion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Do you have any other questions or comments on the Standards?</b>                                                                  | It's evident that the Standards have been carefully written and proposed changes undertaken after much consideration. Well done, it's not an easy task.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |