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Dear Commissioner

Thank you for revision of the Draft Research Report on Evaluation of the Mutual Recognition Schemes.

The Australian Dental Association Inc. (ADA) previously made submissions to you on 26 March 2003, when you were reviewing the issue of Mutual Recognition.

Having considered your Draft Report, the ADA reiterates its previous submission where it stated:

- The ADA supports the activities of the Australian Dental Council (ADC) in maintaining high standards of dental practice to ensure the safety and protection of the Australian Community. The ADA recognizes that the ADC is representative of the Australian jurisdiction and provides a ready mechanism for uniformity of standards for dental practice. It therefore already implements the principles in the Mutual Recognition Agreement.

- The role of the ADA in setting and maintaining dental practice standards should be supported.

- The Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition arrangement should be modified so as to exclude registration to practice dentistry.

Yours faithfully

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