

Response template for the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent public consultation

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This response template is the preferred way to submit your response to the public consultation on the draft proposed **Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Statement of Intent**.

Please provide any feedback in this document, including your responses to all or some of the questions in the text boxes on the following pages. The boxes will expand to accommodate your response. You do not need to respond to a question if you have no comment.

Making a submission

Please complete this response template and email to AC_consultation@ahpra.gov.au using the subject line 'Feedback: Proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent'. **Submissions are due by COB 8 August 2023**

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Stakeholder details

Please provide your details in the following table:

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Organisation name:	Australian Dental Association Inc
Interest in joining as a signatory to the final statement	Is your organisation interested in being invited to sign the final statement? Yes.

Your responses to the consultation questions

1. Is the content, language and structure of the proposed statement clear and relevant? Why or why not?
<p>We understand the focus of the proposed interprofessional collaborative practice (IPCP) statement of intent (proposed statement) is to contribute to embedding IPCP in the 16 professions within the National Scheme.</p> <p>While we would expect a statement on IPCP to focus solely or principally on that topic, we note the proposed statement appears to incorporate six references to racism, including a reference contained in the proposed <i>definition</i> of IPCP, and three references to cultural safety. The earlier draft statement included no equivalent references.</p> <p>Health practitioners must, of course, not discriminate on the basis of race, and the <i>Racial Discrimination Act 1975</i> makes it unlawful to do so.</p> <p>If AHPRA would like its statement on IPCP to highlight these issues, although they might be better explored in a more focused deliberation, then we'd suggest substituting the term 'racism' with 'discrimination', to include discrimination on the basis of issues beyond, as well as including, race. We'd also suggest reducing the number of references, so that the principal focus can be IPCP.</p> <p>Beneath the 'Shared vision' section, we suggest consideration be given to moving the third dot point: 'benefit individuals and other healthcare consumers by enhancing their experiences and health outcomes' to first position, consistent with emphasising the aspiration of person-centred care.</p> <p>Also, we suggest consideration be given to adjusting language such as 'individuals and other healthcare consumers' to read: 'patients'.</p>
2. Is there anything else the accreditation committee should consider that would be helpful to include in the proposed statement? If so, please provide details.
<p>We'd be appreciative if AHPRA would like to revisit our comments of 2 March 2023, supplied for the pre-consultation, to consider if any suggestions not currently incorporated in the proposed statement may still add value.</p>
3. Do you have any general comments or other feedback about the proposed statement?
<p>We appreciate the introduction of 'innovation' as a 'shared value'.</p> <p>The 'Public consultation on the proposed Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Statement of Intent' paper includes a meaning for interprofessional collaborative practice which draws on a</p>

definition from the World Health Organization. The consultation paper indicates this text has been included in the proposed statement of intent. However, the text in the proposed statement appears to vary.