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Dear Mr Evans

Use of Botox and Dermal Fillers in Dentistry

Thank you for your letter dated 7 September 2010 in relation to the use of Botox and Dermal Fillers in Dentistry.

The issues surrounding the use of *botulism toxin* (Botox) and dermal fillers are complex and the regulatory environment that existed across states and territories prior to the commencement of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory varied.

The Dental Board of Australia ('the Board') continues to examine these issues further within its mandate of public protection, however the Board has agreed, as an interim measure, to support the use of *botulism toxin* (Botox) by registered dentists with appropriate education and competence for the treatment of *Temporomandibular joint disorder/dysfunction*.

The Board will continue to examine the issues surrounding the use of botox and dermal fillers and will publish further information on its website at www.dentalboard.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Lockwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Dr John Lockwood
Chair
Dental Board of Australia