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Mr N Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2002, regarding a petition concerning changes to Queensland's dental legislation.

I have noted the matters addressed by the petition, including the request that restrictions on the practice of dental and oral health therapists be removed to enable these practitioners to treat adults as well as young people under 18 years.

The petition, as well as feedback provided by other stakeholders, will be taken into account when finalising the National Competition Policy (NCP) Review of the Restrictions on the Practice of Dentistry. The purpose of this review is to make recommendations to the Government on the need for, and the extent to which, statutory restrictions should be imposed on the practice of dentistry in Queensland.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED

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Minister for Health and
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