



## Proactive Release

### Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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## Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: [childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz](mailto:childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz)

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

**Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.**

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<b>Organisation description:</b> (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	<p>The NZ Dental &amp; Oral Health Therapists Association is a national organisation which represents and supports dental and oral health therapists and dental hygienists on professional issues.</p> <p>Registered under the Incorporated Societies Act we trace our roots to the New Zealand State Dental Nurses' Institute, established in 1935.</p> <p>Our purpose is to promote the interests of our profession and the importance of oral health.</p> <p>Our vision</p> <p>We are a team of caring Oral Health professionals who empower all people to achieve an improved quality of life while upholding the integrity of our profession.</p> <p>Our values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working together</li> <li>• Aspirational workforce</li> <li>• Healthy holistic care</li> <li>• Action oriented</li> <li>• One team</li> <li>• Realising future potential</li> <li>• Achieving good health and wellbeing</li> </ul>

**Executive Summary:**

(Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)

New Zealand Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association applauds the Prime Minister and the Ministry for embarking on this journey to better the lives of our tamariki/rangatahi.

As the leading provider of oral health services to children and young people, our ten point action plan for the child and youth wellbeing strategy are:

1. To introduce school based toothbrushing programs that are funded and well resourced so that children are learning good oral hygiene habits regardless of their home environments.
2. Make water fluoridation mandatory
3. Fund basic dental care for expectant mothers as the oral health of the mother and their bacterial load determines the oral health of the newborn.
4. Increase training positions for dental and oral health therapists to ensure the Community Oral Health Service is able to provide efficient and effective services to children and young people.
5. Fund more training positions for special care dentists so that children with challenging behaviour and disabilities are support well for their oral health needs.
6. Remove the GST off fresh produce to make healthy food more affordable and Introduce taxes on unhealthy foods and beverages.
7. Reduce junk food advertising on mainstream media and social media during children's prime viewing time.
8. Legislate sponsorships from multinational companies that promote sugar sweetened beverages by sponsoring major NZ sporting teams.
9. Fund a national roll out of toothbrushes and toothpaste for low income families.
10. Mandate the ministry of health to look at new oral health strategy as the last one is 10 years old and lacks relevancy in some of its action areas.

Please note that your submission will become official information. This means that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet may be required to release all or part of the information contained in your submission in response to a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

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