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The NSW Dental Therapists Association (DTA) supports all specified APOH recommendations detailed in the its current document. This presentation represents the views of the NSW DTA



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- Whilst the DTA supports all recommendations we wish to highlight and comment on the following points, relevant to our profession
- **7.3.4 ADDRESS THE SUFFICIENT DENTAL WORKFORCE AND INCREASE ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE**

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- **7.3.4 a** Expand current public dental services at major teaching hospitals and community based dental service centres
- Dental Therapists work within a community based model.
- Community based dental clinics provide holistic patient care
- Aboriginal Medical Services operate under the same model of community care.

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- **7.3.4 b** Expand the Dental Workforce through the training of increased numbers of Dental and Para -Dental professionals, appropriate to community need.
- Oral Health of the community is changing.
- Demand for care will increase.
- Dental Therapists have skills to deliver appropriate dental care and intervention.
- Private practice rights for Dental Therapists.
- Dental Therapists can provide quality dental care at a reduced rate for a wider section of the community



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- **7.3.4c Implement a Dental Team Model for the Safe and Appropriate Deployment of Para-Professionals**

- This model already exists within the public sector.
- Expansion of Dental Therapists current role
- Relationship between Dentist and Dental Therapist in the private sector is complimentary.
- Expedient Appropriate legislative changes for Dental Therapists

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- **7.3.4.d Develop Improved payment, Insurance and Taxation Regimes More Consistent with sustainable High Quality Public and Private Practice.**
- 3 R's contribution to the decline of NSW dental Services
- DoH employer monopoly for Dental Therapists.
- Rural incentive
- Potential Dental Therapist workforce
- Qualification upgrade pathways

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- **7.3.5 APOH Recommends the Following Changes to address Professional Education, Training and and infrastructure Deficiencies.**
- Mandatory continuing education for registration renewal
- Combined Dental Therapist/Hygienist skills
- Internship for Bachelor of Oral Health Graduates

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- The NSW Dental Therapists Association (DTA) supports all specified APOH recommendations detailed in the its current document and we ask that:
- **RESTRUCTURE THE STATE AWARD TO INCREASE THE PAY SCALE FOR ALL DENTAL THERAPISTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.**
- **AGE LIMITS OF PATIENTS FOR TREATMENT BY DENTAL THERAPISTS ARE INCREASED**
- **LEGISLATION CHANGES TO ALLOW PRIVATE PRACTICE RIGHTS FOR DENTAL THERAPISTS**