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**Submission to the Medical Council of New Zealand on the Revised Draft
Statement on Cosmetic Procedures**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 42 Nationally Organised Societies. It has 31 branches throughout the country attended by representatives of those societies and some 150 other societies. The Council's functions are to serve women, the family and the community at local, national and international levels through research, study, discussion and action. NCWNZ welcomes the opportunity to consider the Redrafted Cosmetic Procedures.

The changes made to the original draft are commendable. The Statement is more rigorous and contains much more specific detail especially in the purpose of the statement, obtaining consent and providing care. It was particularly pleasing to note the tightening of the Categories from three to two. This change lessens the likelihood of there being a grey area where bad decisions could be made. We note that the section on advertising and promotion has been omitted. Presumably the essence of this section is covered by general law on false advertising and by references in sections 10 – 21 to honest and full disclosure of the limits of procedures.

Thank you for heeding the comments of those who responded to the first draft and for providing this opportunity to comment on the current draft.

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