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Kia ora Clare

Thank you for your submission to the [Pharmacy Council's discussion document](#) on advancing future pharmacy practices through regulation. We appreciate the time and effort that went into the submission and have considered all the responses.

We note and endorse your comment that regulatory changes should prioritise those most likely to improve patient outcomes and strengthen the capacity of the pharmacy workforce to meet future health system needs. Our work in this area aims to do so, and we thank you for your submission.

As we acknowledged in the discussion document, the Pharmacy Council should be responsive to the needs of the sector, rather than a leader driving change. Our focus is on protecting the public by ensuring pharmacists are competent and fit to practice. We do this by making sure that the regulatory tools we use are fair and proportionate and working closely with other organisations in the sector.

Professional expertise and advocacy must come from the professional organisations. A coherent voice and strong vision from the sector will ensure that funders, policy makers, and the public have a clear understanding of the value that pharmacists bring to the health sector. We acknowledge the work the Pharmacy Sector Leader's Forum is doing in this area and look forward to seeing the results.

Many of the submissions gave us information to build into our future work programme, but there was also a lot of useful material that falls outside the Pharmacy Council's remit. We have gathered all the information on our website into three documents:

1. [Summary of all the responses](#)
2. [The next steps for the Pharmacy Council](#)
3. [Other comments and information](#)

Once again, thank you for your interest and involvement in the Pharmacy Council's work.

Ngā mihi



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