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Tēnā koe Minister Verrall

Please find enclosed complaints dated 29 August 2022 and 22 March 2023 from New Zealand Doctors Speaking Out With Science (NZDSOS) about the Chair of Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa | the Medical Council of New Zealand (Council), Dr Curtis Walker. We also enclose Council's reply.

Council met on 18 April 2023 and 17 May 2023 to discuss their request that Dr Curtis be investigated and dismissed. Dr Walker was not involved in these discussions.

Council agreed to treat the complaints as a governance complaint. Council is satisfied that there is no information to suggest Dr Walker contravened the standards expected of Council members.

On 18 April 2023 Council members resolved to express their full confidence in the Chair.

Please contact me if you require further information about these matters.

Nāku noa, nā

Kim Ngarimu

Immediate Past Deputy Chair of Council

cc: NZDSOS Steering Committee

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