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NEW ZEALAND DOCTORS SPEAKING OUT WITH SCIENCE

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Dear Dr Clark,

Congratulations on becoming the new Chair of the Medical Council of New Zealand.

We would like to make an appointment to come in and speak with you, to discuss some issues affecting medicine and patient safety in NZ. Our many attempts at dialogue have been blocked.

We visited last year to drop off for Dr Rachelle Love a physical copy of our recent open letter to MCNZ and a USB drive containing 1800 letters from concerned members of the public. Kiri Rikihana said we should have made an appointment to do even that, and the new registrar has since declined to entertain any communication at all.

Of course we understand the ideological divide that was established by Dr Walker, but the concerns of NZDSOS members and other doctors who quietly agree with us have not gone away, in fact only strengthened. Medical ethics, regulator political neutrality, ongoing covid vaccine damage and the plight of the harmed are our core concerns, but the working lives of doctors in a struggling health system are also close to our hearts, whether many of them agree with our stance or not.

We have written to Medical Council on numerous occasions now to mostly silence since our first letter in 2021, but believe that dialogue between Council and doctors' groups is both desirable and essential.

Below is a summary of our recent unsuccessful attempts to establish a two-way channel of communication, but note we have been attempting to alert the MCNZ to various concerns of critical importance since 2021.

3 Oct 2025	letter (including 1800 letters from members of public) hand-delivered to MCNZ office (accepted by Kiri Rikihana), included Dr Kenneth Clark
24 Nov 2025	follow up email as no acknowledgement or response received
24 Nov 2025	automated reply from MCNZ "please allow 7–10 business days"
28 Jan 2026	further follow up email as still no response
28 Jan 2026	automated response from MCNZ, reply would be provided within 15 working days
30 Mar 2026	further letter to MCNZ asking for formal in-person meeting with Rachelle Love as no response to Jan 2026 email
31 Mar 2026	short reply from Christine Anderson of MCNZ saying there would be no further communication
14 May 2026	letter to Christine Anderson asking for specific actions including communication with us as doctors overseen by MCNZ
14 May 2026	email reply advising that Andrea Martin of MCNZ was on leave until 21 May, no response since

Thank you in advance for meeting with us.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of NZDSOS members and supporters

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