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Hutt City Council  
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Tēnā koe

**Re: Submission on the pre-consultation on Proposed Appearance Industry Bylaw**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on this consultation. Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB) and Regional Public Health (RPH) see this as an important community issue and as such we have worked together to combine our voice on this matter.

HVDHB is one of 20 District Health Boards (DHBs) in New Zealand. We work to improve, promote and protect the health of the people living in the Hutt Valley area and take the lead in planning, funding and providing public health services for our communities.

RPH serves the greater Wellington region, through the three local DHBs, and as a service is part of the HVDHB. We work with our community to make it a healthier, safer place to live. We promote good health, prevent disease, and improve the quality of life for our population, with a particular focus on children, Māori and working with primary care organisations.

Our organisations already work together on many aspects that impact the health and wellbeing of our communities, and we look forward to continued collaboration.

HVDHB and RPH **support** Hutt City Councils Proposed Appearance Industry Bylaw.

[A recent report by RPH](#), which surveyed knowledge and infection control practices in salons offering nail service, showed an overwhelming need for minimum standards within the industry.

We believe the proposed appearance industry bylaw will strengthen the ability of the Council to meet public health standards and improve the well-being of the community. Many regions already have similar bylaws in place; Auckland Unitary Authority, Napier City, Dunedin City, Timaru, Stratford, Ruapehu District, Masterton and South Wairarapa Councils. In addition, HVDHB and RPH **support** the inclusion of traditional/cultural tattoo in the bylaw.

We are happy to provide further advice or clarification on our written submission. The contact point for this submission is Helen van Mil, Health Protection Officer ([Helen.vanMil@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:Helen.vanMil@huttvalleydhb.org.nz); or 04 570 9002).

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