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Wellington City Council
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Tēnā koe

Re: Submission on Public Health Bylaw consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission from Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) and Regional Public Health (RPH) and on the proposed amendments to Public Health Bylaw 2008.

We note as part of the bylaw review Wellington City Council (WCC) have requested feedback on whether a bylaw is an appropriate way to address health issues in the beauty and nail industry. A report published recently by Regional Public Health, which surveyed knowledge and infection control practices in salons offering nail services, showed an overwhelming need for minimum standards within the industry.

CCDHB and RPH **support** a bylaw. A bylaw with registration and annual inspections would provide a framework requiring businesses to comply with minimum standards for infection control and hygiene. We recommend that any bylaw covers all commercial services that risk cutting/piercing or burning the skin e.g. beauty or nails salons and tattoo, body and skin piercing studios. This would be consistent with similar bylaws from other regions in New Zealand (Auckland Unitary Authority, Napier City, Dunedin City, Timaru, Stratford, Ruapehu District Councils).

This recommendation is endorsed by the Health System Committee / Community Public Health Advisory Committee (CPHAC)

We believe that a bylaw will strengthen the ability of the Council to meet public health standards and improve the well-being of the community.

We are happy to provide further advice or clarification on our written submission. The contact point for this submission is:

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