

Regulating the paramedic workforce under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Ministry of Health's consultation document on Regulating the paramedic workforce under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

Ambulance New Zealand is proposing that the 'paramedic workforce' be regulated under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA). Ambulance New Zealand has made a case that regulating the paramedic workforce will increase **public safety** and that the paramedic workforce **meets** the criteria for regulation under the HPCAA.

If the evidence supports this proposal then it would be appropriate for a Paramedic Council to be appointed under the HPCAA. The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand (Board) supports minimising risk of harm to members of the public.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards

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