

Aide-Mémoire

New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists

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To:	Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health		
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To: Hon Dr Shane Reti, Minister of Health

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Details of meeting:

Date: Tuesday 28 May 2024

Time: 9.30-10.00am

Location: 6.6, Executive Wing, Beehive

Teams link:

New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists attendees

Dr Morgan Edwards, President NZSA

Dr Sheila Hart, Immediate Past President NZSA

Kylie McQuellin, Chief Executive Officer NZSA

Official

Representatives:

Dr Hamish Gray, Clinical Chief Advisor, Ministry of Health

Dr Nick Baker, Interim Chief Medical Officer, Health New Zealand

Purpose:

The New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists has requested a meeting with you to discuss issues currently affecting the anaesthesia profession in New Zealand. This Aide Memoire is to support this meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Comment:

This aide-mémoire discloses all relevant information.

Context

1. In New Zealand there are 972 doctors registered with the Medical Council of New Zealand with the scope of practice of 'anaesthesia' and 36 with a scope of practice of 'pain medicine'. Additionally, there are over 100 medical trainees in anaesthesia.
2. New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists (NZSA) is a professional medical society, representing over 800 doctors from trainees to retired, supporting the community of medical registered anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians in both the public and private sector.
3. NZSA primarily advocates on issues such as the listing of drugs, prescribing rights, workforce, standards of medical practice, health equity, assistants to the anaesthetist, and private practice.
4. They work collaboratively, and frequently in conjunction, with the Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) who you met on 16 April (H2024038597 refers). ANZCA is responsible for training, assessing, and setting standards for all specialist anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians wishing to practise in Australia and New Zealand.

Talking points and potential topics of conversation

5. Talking points and potential topics of conversation likely to be raised by attendees are appended as Appendix 2.



Robyn Shearer

**Deputy Director-General, Clinical,
Community and Mental Health | Te Pou
Whakakaha**

Date: 21 May 2024

Appendix 1: New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists attendees

Dr Morgan Edwards, NZSA President.

Dr Morgan Edwards is a consultant anaesthetist at Te Whatu Ora Waitematā, where she sits on the executive for the Anaesthesia department and holds the Obstetric Lead portfolio. She has been a member of the NZSA executive since 2016, and sits on the Obstetric Leads network which unites Obstetric leads across the motu.



Dr Sheila Hart, NZSA Past President (2020 – 2022).

Dr Sheila Hart is a consultant anaesthetist and Clinical Director of the Department of Anaesthesia at Te Whatu Ora Capital Coast and Hutt Valley, Wellington Regional Hospital. She has been a member of the Society's executive committee since 2015 and is also a member of the National Airway Leads Network that brings together airway lead anaesthetists from hospitals across the county.



Kylie McQuellin, NZSA CEO

Kylie McQuellin joined the NZSA as the CEO in 2023. Prior to this Kylie was the Head of Membership Services with the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has held roles across health and membership services including Medical Assurance Society (MAS), Farmers Mutual Group (FMG) and the National Screening Unit.



Appendix 2: Talking points and potential topics of conversation.

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