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**Re: Endorsement of IPOS International Quality Standard in Cancer Care**

Dear Professor Dunn,

I am pleased to confirm that the Breast Cancer Aotearoa Coalition (BCAC) endorses the IPOS International Quality Standard of Cancer Care.

BCAC is a coalition of more than 30 New Zealand breast cancer organisations as well as individual members. BCAC is run by breast cancer survivors working to make world class detection, treatment and care accessible to all those affected by breast cancer in Aotearoa, New Zealand. We provide a voice for those who have experienced breast cancer, offering representation, support and information to empower those diagnosed to make informed choices about their treatment and care.

Since the formation of our coalition in 2004 BCAC has acknowledged the importance of psychosocial care as an integral part of the cancer journey. For many patients, appropriate care is not available. The IPOS Standard reflects the policy and practices of the Breast Cancer Aotearoa Coalition and we are pleased to see the focus that IPOS has on improving the provision of psychosocial care for cancer patients. I am hopeful that this initiative will lead to increased awareness of the need for psychosocial care and action to improve its provision internationally.

Please let me know if you would like me to send a copy of our logo to add to the international endorsements.

Yours sincerely,

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Mahia kotahi nga rerekētanga

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