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### **Proposal to fund zoster vaccine**

Dear Lindsay

The New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA) wishes to provide feedback on the above consultation. We note that PHARMAC is proposing to fund the zoster vaccine for the prevention of shingles for people aged 65 years, and with a 2-year catch up programme for people aged between 66 and 80 years inclusive. We note that this proposal is consistent with recommendations by PTAC and the Immunisation Subcommittee of PTAC. The NZMA is strongly supportive of this proposal.

We hope that our feedback is helpful.

Yours sincerely



Dr Kate Baddock  
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