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Dental profession says no to workplace violence, bullying and inappropriate behaviour

The ADAVB is proud to be a signatory on a Joint Position Statement Against Bullying, Harassment and Inappropriate Behaviour in the Oral Health Sector - an Australian first for the health sector.

The signing was witnessed and endorsed by Victorian Health and Emergency Services Minister the Hon. Jill Hennessy MP, at 6pm on 7 December 2017.

Dr Andrew Gikas, ADAVB President, said, "The joint statement is an excellent example of collaboration across the sector, in working together to promote respectful workplaces. We won't stand by and allow individuals to experience inappropriate treatment or behaviour that affects their personal, emotional or physical wellbeing and we will stand together to stamp out such behaviour."

The following organisations have signed the pledge:

- Dental Health Services Victoria
- The University of Melbourne
- La Trobe University
- RMIT University
- Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch
- Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association Inc.
- Australian Dental Prosthetists Association
- Dental Hygienists Association of Australia
- Australian Dental Council

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To arrange an interview with Dr Andrew Gikas, ADAVB President, please contact Sophia Ljaskevic, Communications Manager, ADAVB, on 8825 4600.