



PLATYPUS DENTAL GROUP

Company Statement

Platypus Dental Group welcomes the recent announcement regarding the review of gender-based undervaluation in the **Health Professionals and Support Services (HPSS) Award** and the anticipated **significant wage increases for dental support staff over the next two years**.

Our Director, Dr Yi (Terry) Pu, **strongly supports these changes and recognises them as an important step forward for the dental industry**. Fairer remuneration not only acknowledges the vital contribution of dental assistants and support teams, but also creates meaningful opportunities for growth, retention, and long-term sustainability within the dental assisting profession.

We also acknowledge that these changes will place upward pressure on ongoing operational costs across the industry. However, at Platypus Dental Group, our commitment to people-first dentistry remains unwavering. To maintain the quality of our team and the high standard of care our patients expect, **the Director has made a clear decision that there will be no increase to treatment pricing throughout 2026 and into June 2027**. This decision reflects our belief that access to high-quality dental care should remain **equitable** and **affordable** for our community, in alignment with our broader **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

In the interest of transparency and shared responsibility, **Dr Terry has also chosen to personally reduce his own personal income to help offset rising staff costs, maximize employment within the group, ensuring that patient care, team wellbeing, and clinical standards are never compromised**.

Platypus Dental Group remains proud to invest in our people, advocate for positive change within our profession, and continue delivering ethical, accessible, and purpose-driven care to the communities we serve.

Dr Yi (Terry) Pu

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Director/Principal Dentist of Platypus Dental Group