**Q6:** Do you support nurse practitioner being a broad generic scope of practice (like registered nurse and enrolled nurse) and the removal of the requirement for registration to be restricted to a specific area of practice?

No,

Please give your reasons
I believe that NP education is an advanced study in a specific area. To me, it's like specialist nursing practice. So I believe that nurse practitioners should be registered in specific areas of their own choice, skills and interest. However, I DO NOT support restriction in regards to cultural groups. For example, Maori, Pacific or other cultural groups. Because I strongly believe that a NP should be culturally competent to manage all population groups. So, as far as I am concerned, in the table 1: Matrix of areas of practice, the population groups should be only Pediatrics (or child and youth), Adult, Older adult and lifespan. And I support the existing specialty areas on this table, however family/whanau can be included in the primary health care specialty rather than classify as a population group.

**Q7:** Do you support the focus on leadership within clinical practice in the new proposed scope of practice statement?

No,

Please give your reasons
I DO NOT support a NP has been restricted on/is focusing only on leadership within clinical practice. Nurse practitioner is an advanced nursing area, which should fit any where in nursing profession. As I am concerned, a NP should be equipped with skills to act as clinician, educator, manager or researcher. And they should be practicing in these areas depends upon individual interests. However they should have advanced skills in all these areas and that should be the main difference between NP (an ADVANCED practice), other specialist nurses and other nurse prescribers (an EXPERT practice).

**Q8:** Do you agree with the inclusion of advanced nursing skills and knowledge in the proposed new scope of practice?

Yes,

Please give your reasons
This change is good as the NP is an advanced nursing practice and also in the context of other new specialty nursing areas like nurse prescribers.
**Q9:** Do you agree with the proposed new scope of practice for nurse practitioner?

Yes,

Please explain your reasons or suggest changes or alternative wording

I think two changes in the wordings will make it more clear. 1. in the first sentence: "Nurse practitioners have advanced education, clinical training and the demonstrated competence and legal authority to practice beyond the level of a registered nurse". This will be same for other nurse prescribers, clinical nurse specialists etc. So it is not differentiating NP from this roles. So I suggest adding "registered nurses and other advanced nursing roles" or something like that which differentiates NP from others. 2. In this sentence "Nurse practitioners provide a wide range of healthcare services to people and communities, including the diagnosis and management of common and complex medical conditions" In this, acute and emergency situations has not been mentioned.

**Q10:** Do you support a dedicated Masters programme with a broad focus for nurse practitioner preparation?

Yes,

Please give your reasons

I support this. It helps the nurses to gain more clinical practice skills and practical experience. Also it helps differentiate between NP education and other prescribing educations.

**Q11:** Do you support the Council specifying clinical learning time within the programme for nurse practitioners?

Yes,

Please give your reasons

The council should specify the minimum number of clinical learning time to ensure consistency between various educational providers.

**Q12:** How much clinical learning time should be included in the programme in addition to the prescribing practicum (a minimum of 150 hours)?

A practicum at the end of the programme that offers the opportunity for clinical learning and mentorship while developing skills to practice as a nurse practitioner and prepare for registration. I support this statement, but I am not sure how much time will do better.

**Q13:** Do you think that a student must have employer support to complete a practicum with supernumerary hours?

Yes,

Please give your reasons

Employer support must be present to undertake clinical learning and practicum. However I don't think council should specify this in the NP educational requirements because it is clearly understood that collaborative efforts are necessary.

**Q14:** What other requirements for the clinical learning hours should be specified by the Council e.g. mentor criteria, setting, competence or other assessments?

*Respondent skipped this question*
### Q15: Do you think the Postgraduate diploma in registered nurse prescribing for long term and common conditions should be a pre-requisite for nurse practitioner programmes?

**No,**

Please give your reasons
I strongly disagree this statement as NP educational program itself is an independent qualification. If a nurse qualifies masters degree with all requirements set out by the council that means the nurse is competent to practice as a NP. How ever registered nurse prescribing nurses should have opportunity to become a NP with additional qualifications like additional educations, clinical learning, supervised practices, NP competencies etc etc. When I read this statement, I feel like physician assistant role becoming a pre-requisite to become a physician role. I feel like both roles are different and needs different educational preparation and skills.

### Q16: Do you support Nursing Council setting the programme outcomes for nurse practitioner programmes?

**Yes,**

Please give your reasons for more consistency between various providers.

### Q17: Do you agree with the draft programme outcomes for nurse practitioner?

**Yes**

### Q18: Do you think that the Council has a role in accrediting tertiary courses and programmes that do not lead to nurse practitioner or registered nurse prescribing?

**Yes,**

Please give your reasons
For standardisation and consistency, this is also very important.

### Q19: Any other comments on the scope of practice or education programme?

*Respondent skipped this question*