

Supporting Statement from Board nominee

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I migrated from Los Angeles to Australia to study naturopathy at Southern Cross University, I furthered my education at Endeavour College of Natural Health where I graduated in 2017. Throughout my study, I worked at detoxification retreats where I saw incredible outcomes with difficult chronic conditions. I thought my focus would be in detoxification but the last three years have steered me in a new direction entirely. Around the time I became a mother I came to understand the severity of the climate crisis and its imminent threat to my children's future. I have spent the last few years learning all I can on the current state of the climate and researching potential solutions. My goal is to raise awareness regarding climate change within our profession and begin making plans for the future. I feel that as healthcare practitioners we have an obligation to look after the planet's health as well as human health as the two are inseparable. I would like to not only see sustainable practices adopted by the profession but I would like regenerative practices to be interwoven and at the forefront of every decision made. As we would not want to 'sustain' a sick a patient, we cannot 'sustain' a sick planet. Healing and regeneration are necessary on both a personal and global scale. I hope I can be given the chance to expand on these ideas and work with the NHAA to see the incredible potential of the naturopathic profession reached.