

## DECISION:

**MR GEOFFREY THORN (DENTAL PROSTHETIST)**

**26 September 2001**

**Panel: Mr Antony Edwards  
Mr Victor Harcourt  
Mr Craig McCracken  
Dr Anthony Robertson**

It was alleged that Mr Thorn had practised certain aspects of dentistry that he was not qualified or registered to perform. Specifically, it was alleged that he had fabricated partial artificial dentures for a patient, despite not having satisfactorily completed a prescribed training course in the fabrication of partial dentures.

It was also alleged that Mr Thorn had failed to implement appropriate standards of hygiene and cleanliness at his practice.

In relation to the fabrication of partial dentures the Panel found Mr Thorn to have been guilty of unprofessional conduct of a serious nature. In relation to the hygiene issue it found him guilty of unprofessional conduct that was not of a serious nature.

The Panel made the following determinations:

1. it reprimanded Mr Thorn; it imposed a fine of \$2,500;
2. it suspended Mr Thorn' registration for three months, but stayed the suspension for a year on condition that there were no other findings against him under the *Dental Practice Act* in that period;
3. it cautioned Mr Thorn that infection control procedures at his practice must comply with the standards promulgated by the Board;
4. it required Mr Thorn to be counselled by staff of the Board about infection control and related matters.