

DECISION:

DR JOHN ZEFFERT (DENTIST)

18 July 2001

**Panel: Dr Anthony Dickinson
 Mr Jack Harty
 Prof Loula Rodopoulos**

In March 2001 Dr Zeffert pleaded guilty in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court to one charge of obtaining property by deception and one charge of false accounting. The charges related to dental work which Dr Zeffert had falsely claimed to have undertaken and for which the Transport Accident Commission had been charged. As a result, the Board conducted a formal hearing into Dr Zeffert's conduct.

At the hearing, the Panel found Dr Zeffert guilty of unprofessional conduct of a serious nature. It

1. reprimanded him;
2. imposed a fine of \$1,000;
3. required that he be counselled by an officer of the Transport Accident Commission about his professional and ethical responsibilities; and
4. suspended his registration for three months.