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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dental therapist**

Page 3: The proposal

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 18-year age limit for restorative activities from the OHT scope of practice including: accredited, gazetted programmes allowing oral health therapists to perform restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older an exclusion, such as "Restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older", being placed on oral health therapists' scopes of practice until they complete an accredited adult restorative programme which will allow them to apply to have the exclusion removed (noting that the activities registered oral health therapists can currently perform within their scope of practice remain unchanged).

Strongly agree

Page 4: Your support

Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I strongly agree and support this proposal. Oral health therapists have the knowledge and skills to provide restorative care to patients over the age of 18 years old.

Those with the opinion that oral health therapists are not competent in diagnosis, treatment planning and informed consent should look back, critique and reflect on their own practice. There are so many cases of dental professionals who have had disciplinary proceedings imposed on them as they did not comply with what they say OHTs are not competent in. Interestingly, none of these practitioners with these disciplinary proceedings imposed by the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal are oral health therapists.

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2?

No

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

Yes

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Yes, the proposal is very clear and goes to the point. Oral health therapists are already treating patients over 18 years old within their hygiene practice and are already providing restorative care to patients within their scope of practice. Therefore, I strongly believe they have the knowledge and skills to provide restorative dental care to patients over the age of 18 years old.
