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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**

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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**

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Page 4: Your support

**Q4** Please describe why you support the proposal

OHT are already treating permanent teeth in under 18 year olds, there is no structural change in the tooth over age. There is no reason to limit further education to help improve oral health of population.

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Page 5: Your concerns

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

**Q5** Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

Yes

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Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

As OHT is combined of both Dental therapist and hygienist, there should be a prerequisite of the OHT to have done a number of permanent fillings or a random audit of a teenage patient they have seen to approve entry of adult course.

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

Yes

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

Dental Therapists should also have the option of doing an adult scope course. This can assist to retain more OHT and Dental therapists in the country, and intervention with decay can be assessed at an earlier stage. Better oral health for all for life.

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