

To Whom it may concern

I am writing a submission to keep the scope of practice for Oral Health Therapists as is for the following reasons:

- Therapists will not have the same extensive training and experience that dentists have in order to treat patients older than 18.
- I feel the Therapists should continue to focus on the oral health of children and adolescents, so New Zealand has future generations with good oral health.
- Therapists with dual scope of practice can focus on providing good oral hygiene for people of all ages.
- I have concern for the safety of the public as Therapists will not be equipped to cope with complicated dental treatments

Regards

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