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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dentist or dental specialist**

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 disagree
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Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal	Respondent skipped this question
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Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Treatment will be cheaper? Dentists charge what they must in order to keep up standards such as quality materials and infection control. Why will dental therapists be able to keep to these standards at cheaper costs? Will they get special discounts from suppliers that dentists cannot receive?

BDS is a 6-year course which teaches a lot more than an Oral Hygiene/Therapist course. It leads to a greater understanding of the oral environment which allows improved treatment planning and execution.

Oral Hygienists and Dental Therapists have great skills managing the younger people, and it would be better for them to spend their time teaching preventive skills to the young so that there would be less need for treating the caries disease in the older person.

This is a better way to save patients money.

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? **No**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**
