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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

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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

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

I do not believe the proposed OHT training is adequate to carry out adult scope practice. In an ageing population with complex medical and health complications we see on a daily basis, the OHT training programme is completely insufficient in treating adult patients in the aspects of human physiology, pharmacology, management of complications and potential emergencies. Providing our patients with the diagnosis, comprehensive treatment options and long-term health education is necessary in gaining informed consent. If an OHT was to treat adult scope and unable to adequately provide and complete the appropriate restorative, endodontic or surgical treatments and management of complications; we should question if this is ethical or even safe for our patients.

To improve the oral health of the population, initial incentives to improve affordability by removing GST, taxing sugary and acidic drinks, promoting positive access and education in dental health should be in our primary focus.

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**

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**
