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



# Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details	
Name	Chris Anderson
Company/organisation	
City/town	
Email	
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

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

I wish to state for the record that public safety is being put at risk by this proposal; people are going to die or suffer significant harm from inadequate or incompetent dental care if this proposal is implemented and the Dental Council will be found culpable at resultant coronial inquiries. In particular, undetected or poorly managed dento-alveolar infections pose a significant risk of serious and potentially lethal adverse outcomes. It is laudable to pursue affordable dental care for all, however adult restorative care can be staggeringly difficult and poorly trained second-tier dental providers will be overwhelmed by the complexities of providing care to low-income adults with unrealistic expectations, poor oral health and multiple co-morbidities.

# Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

<b>Q6</b> 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?	Νο
Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal <b>Q7</b> Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.	Respondent skipped this question
Page 8: Anything else <b>Q8</b> Do you have any further comments on the proposal?	Νο
Page 10: Last thoughts <b>Q9</b> Please provide us your feedback	Respondent skipped this question