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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). **Agree**

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I believe this will improve patient care. specifically those in lower SES group.

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed **Yes**
amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed
qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices
1 & 2?

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

I believe no dentist ever graduated thinking " i have learnt all there is to learn about dentistry". .. I felt totally unprepared for the real world as a new graduate and I feel the oral health therapist students must feel the same. I think the chance to attend courses/work shops in order to work on over 18 y.o. should only be availables to OHT after a certain number of years of clinical working experience e.g. 2 years post grad.

Page 8: Anything else

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

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

i hope the NZDC will actively work on schemes to enable those OHT who can work on over 18s to provide restorative treatment to those who will benefit it the most i.e. low SES group.
