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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

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

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

We are at limited capacity of therapists seeing under 18 year olds under OHSA as it is. Even then, the work we are seeing with some dental therapist is sub-standard as there is sometimes poor diagnosis. I have seen children under 18 years coming in for toothaches and finding a need for root canal therapy because the therapist in charge of the child did not take the appropriate radiograph to diagnose the problem. As therapist are already unable to diagnose properly, how do we expect them to diagnose in someone over 18, with much more complex treatment and medical histories. I feel if we let dental therapists see over 18 year olds, we will strain our capacity for therapists seeing under 18 year olds as it is and get into more trouble for the general public.

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**
