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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name **Christina**

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 have seen number of children referred from OHT saying patients need complex treatments. There were lacks of x-rays to prove why the cases were complex, yet all we received are the letter saying that these patients involved complex treatment. I dont think they have done their job properly yet to extend their scopes of practices.

secondly, OHT training programme has minimal restriction on entry so the academic and social tests that dentists pass to be accepted into dental school, are not required in order to be an OHT. Dentists have proven themselves to be capable of providing the standard of care that our patients require.

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.

please keep the age restriction up to 18 years old until OHT training courses have changed

Page 8: Anything else

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

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Please focus on the wellbeing of patients and their right to make fully informed choices about their dental health. This means seeing a dental professional who can offer and provide all of the treatment options, not just the ones that OHTs have been trained to provide. Please make a decision based on health outcomes, not political points scoring.
