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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

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal **Respondent skipped this question**

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

I wish to state for the record that public safety is being put at risk, as there is an aging population with increasingly complex medical and health issues faced by our us while treating patients. I do not think that the OHT training programme provides enough to diagnose, and treat patients across a vast medical spectrum as proposed. 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 and poor oral health. The short OHT training programme does not allow enough time to comprehensively learn about all of the treatment options required to perform dentistry, nor the complications of dental procedures that we manage on a routine basis.

Overall oral health and affordability of dentistry could be improved by removing GST from dentistry, and taxing high sugary and acidic drinks. Focusing on these key aspects would be a better way of tackling the above issue and improving the standard of care for dental patients in New Zealand.

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**
