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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Company/organisation	[Redacted]
City/town	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

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

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

I work in a small rural town of [REDACTED] where I am the sole practitioner. In the last few years I have had to deal with a overwhelming number of emergencies where kids have not had their checkup for more than 24 months as there has not been a therapist available and have come to see me to resolve their infections. The undertreatment and the scarcity of therapists in NZ has been ignored for far too long. Already there are graduates who have chosen to become hygienists (higher pay) and there are no younger therapists in the workforce to replace the rural therapists currently working. We need to pay the current workforce better and provide better rewards for working in rural places where kids need the treatment rather than letting them increase their scope of practice

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**
