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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**

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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).

**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

There is a significant need for dental care for patients under the age of 18 which is currently inadequately addressed. Changing the scope of practice for OHTs in hopes of reducing the cost of dental care is naive and places further strain on this inadequately addressed population (under 18s).

We are bordering on an oversupply of dentists in NZ, yet instead of considering subsidising adult dental care we are completely sidestepping this potential solution and attempting to undermine the dental profession while simultaneously shifting care from the under 18 population.

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### 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**

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### 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**

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### Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **No**

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### Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**

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