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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

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

1.) New Zealand's ageing population and low-income adults frequently present with complex medical conditions that require extensive treatment planning and often multidisciplinary care. I do not believe the 3 year BOH degree is adequate training to provide this comprehensive care. Increasing the age scope puts patients and communities, who will likely not understand the difference between a OHT and a dentist, at risk.

2.) One of the key roles of New Zealand's OHT workforce is to provide care to patients under 18. One only needs to spend a day in any public hospital in New Zealand to understand we can do better. The wait lists at DHBs around the country for dental GAs in under 18s continue to increase. Prevention and oral health education of children is fundamental to reducing the burden of disease into adulthood. We should not shift the workforce away from our future generations.

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**
