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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

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City/town	[REDACTED]

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<b>Q2</b> Your submission is in the capacity as	dentist or dental specialist
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Page 3: The proposal

<b>Q3</b> 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

<b>Q4</b> 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

At the moment there is a great need in treating the children of New Zealand. The focus should be on providing care and treatment in the early stages and the prevention of dental disease - This workforce is already stretched with many children waiting for treatment.

I would be concerned in the ability to handle medically compromised patients and the complications that can occur. Many patients have complex dental issues as well.

Dentistry is expensive as there is no public funding for treatment. Having a new workforce will not change the cost of dentistry or make it more affordable.

There is no indication of supervision - would a OHT be able to work independently?

Treating an adult is not the same as treatment on a child. As a child (under 18) the treatment is often not complex - and there is a pathway of referral when there is a concern. An adult often with high dental need will require deep fillings, root treatment or extractions. If you are not prepared to be able to offer the options or complete treatment required- it is not in the best interest for the patient.

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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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