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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). **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

Three years would simply not be enough to ensure that BOH graduates are competent enough to do satisfactory work that needs to last a life time. Also, doing simple fillings on a 17 year olds permanent dentition is by no means similar in treatment to treating an older person who has struggled with oral health and has a mouth than needs full holistic treatment. A lot of the treatment required for adults is a lot more complex and would end up being out of their scope. It is also the people of lower SES that often require this complex treatment and thus they would not see the benefits of cheaper work by oral therapists, as they would have to pay for a dental surgeon. Instead BOH should be there to provide cheaper preventative care, which is what they do already. There is already a stigma surrounding dentists that we are over qualified and over paid for the work we do and I don't think we need to give people any more reason to think this.

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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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