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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name **Sarah Ebbeling**

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

I am concerned about the limited background training and knowledge that OHTs have to allow them to competently treat adult patients. I worry that this change will result in more expensive and complicated treatments in the long term, especially for the lower socio-economic sector of the population who are more likely to use these services. I worry that rather than improving the oral health gap, it could further it.

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? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

I feel that in the development of this submission there was little consideration and discussion with the groups currently on the ground actually treating patients around the country. I think there are numerous other solutions which could be considered which would more effectively bring QUALITY care to those who most need it. Some have been listed in other submissions so I won't go into them, but I think a focus needs to be on not only improving access to dental care, but in finding a solution which will provide high quality care which won't generate downstream or long term problems.
