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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name	Amir
Company/organisation	[REDACTED]
City/town	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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
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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

I'm concerned that Oral health therapists do not and will not have the appropriate training to provide care for adults with complex medical conditions. The Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree specifically has modules on pharmacology and management of medically compromised adults and geriatric patients. It is unclear from this proposal just what the additional training for therapists will entail.

Further, I am concerned that by extending the scope for therapists, many will chose to practice primarily on adults and this will take the workforce away from children's oral health. We already have a problem in NZ with high rates of early childhood and adolescent caries and there are many children on waiting lists to be seen for treatment. The oral health therapists workforce should be focused on meeting the needs of 0-18 years olds and on implementing prevention programmes.

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**
