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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
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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

There is no way that an OHT can declare to the DCNZ that they are giving fully informed consent to patients in order to comply with their APC. OHT will have very limited knowledge in many aspects of differential treatments possible in order to fully treat a patient. They cannot possibly advise on endodontic options, material selections, surgical options, medical knowledge, implant versus other restorative options, orthodontic options and pharmacological options. They cannot possibly diagnose oral pathology, and thus there is a risk to the public if OHTs obtain adult scope.

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed **Yes**
amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed
qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices
1 & 2?

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

As mentioned in the first part of my submission, it is impossible for an OHT to give a fully informed consent treatment plan to a patient due to their narrow scope and knowledge. Recognition of abnormal tissues requires greater scope than the OHT scope promotes.

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the **Yes**
proposal?

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Since the Dental School has already been directed to set up the OHT qualification, I fear that the submissions opposing the adult scope will not be taken into account. The one comment I think is the most important is that OHTs with adult scope must practice under the direct supervision of a Dentist. In saying that, the OHT will be liable legally for the treatment they deliver, as they will have their own APC.
