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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

Adult patients present a myriad of complex issues which are not typically encountered during their childhood or adolescent years.

Treating adults should begin with appropriate diagnosis AND treatment planning.

Treatment planning requires the clinician to understand the benefits/disadvantages AND limitations and prognosis of the full range of restorative, prosthodontic, endodontic, orthodontic, periodontal and oral surgical needs and options available to the patient.

I do not believe this can be taught appropriately outside the scope of a full dental degree, and maintained without ongoing clinical exposure to an adult patient base where a full range of treatment is offered.

Oral Health Therapists would need to refer adult patients to a dentist to meet the requirements of adult informed consent.

If an adult patient were to later discover that the Oral Health Therapist (OHT) had incorrectly represented the patient's options, based on the OHT's limited understanding, range and experience of adult dental care, the patient would not have been fully informed when their consent was given.

I believe that an OHT would be capable of providing very limited treatment to adult patients UNDER clinical supervision of an experienced qualified dentist who would have formulated the treatment plan in conjunction with the adult patient and received informed consent.

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? **Yes**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

I believe that an OHT would be capable of providing RESTRICTED treatment (limited to simple restorations) to adult patients UNDER clinical supervision of an experienced qualified dentist who would have formulated the treatment plan in conjunction with the adult patient and received informed consent.

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**
