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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).	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

- Many adult patients have highly complex medical histories. This number is increasing as our population ages. These include unstable cardiac conditions, immune suppression post organ transplant, cytotoxic chemotherapy and polypharmacy. I am concerned that an Oral Health Therapist may not have received sufficient lectures and practical experience to confidently and safely manage these patients.
- There are large numbers of children with active dental caries requiring treatment. Our School Dental Services are working hard but struggling to manage this load. I am concerned this change will lead to a loss of Oral Health Therapists to private dental practice. This will further stretch the remaining workforce.

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

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
