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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

Danni

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

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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

Although it is very important for NZ to follow international education benchmarks, I am concerned regarding the lack of evidence showing a direct correlation between an increased scope of practice for oral therapists and improvements in the oral health of the general population.

The current shortage of dental therapists, particularly in rural communities, has resulted in a long wait for children and families. I am concerned the new scope will further increase shortage and wait times for families.

With a lack of clear direction regarding the appropriate training necessary to gain adult scope outlined in the proposal, it is unclear how therapists will become upskilled and improve oral health care access. I believe significantly more evidence and planning is needed before the proposal can be approved.

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**
