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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

This proposal makes me wonder about whether OHTs will be able to confidentially and ethically deal with the following:

- medically compromised patients (elderly), with polypharmacy and often multiple medical conditions requiring liaising and prior planning with doctors.
- heavily restored dentition, with teeth that have had years worth of dentistry done on them and which differ greatly from those that belong to someone who is under 18 (with a mostly unrestored dentition).
- informed consent and discussing all the available different treatment options: how do you fully discuss something you don't really know much about? Patients have the right to know all the information out there in order to make an informed decision.
- training and expertise - a 5 year gruelling degree and years worth of struggling after it and a lot of us still struggle on a daily basis as there are so many other factors that come into play... if you don't have either of those two and you're not being supervised by someone who knows what they are doing then I hate to imagine what could go wrong.

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.

OHTs are such a valuable part of our profession - they should be utilised where the need is the greatest and that is with our youth and children. Massive hospital waiting lists, children with untreated and rampant decay, mobile dental units doing the very bare minimum - these are things that require our attention to properly address the oral health disparities present within our country.

Page 8: Anything else

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

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Try to focus on things that could have a long term impact - look at increasing pay and bettering working conditions for OHTs within the government system. Let's try to solve problems rather than potentially creating even more.