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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

Name	<b>Bernard Pollard</b>
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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).

**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

Where is the opportunity for the patient to be consented properly if the practitioner is not trained for specific procedures, let alone any experience in providing them. Hold on to your toothache Mrs Smith, I'll just call my supervising dentist about that pulp thingy you've got. It's going to get dangerous for the public and damage the fine reputation of New Zealand's many oral healthcare services.

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### 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**

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### Page 8: Anything else

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

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### Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

These proposed changes are ill conceived and will put the unsuspecting public in harms way. I work alongside both OHTs and dentists. I provide a supportive environment with patient welfare at the centre. Support, guidance and supervision is always available. This is what we expect. I have not found any OHTs who want to trade this kind of environment working on children and adolescents for one of freedom to independantly treat fickle, demanding adult patients. They seem to see the dangers you do not!

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