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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). **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

If it as easy as writing down the lofty aims as it is to achieve the level of expertise required in all the fields described then there would be no argument with the proposal. In fact we could shorten the training for dentists if it was that easy. Increasing the size of the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff is the wrong approach as without dietary intervention the needs will never reduce in spite of more intervention. We need to train the OHTs to retain their practice limitations but allow them to do more diet counseling to adults,young parents and schools. This would yield life long benefits to the individuals and the country and the tangata whenua in particular.

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed **Yes** amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2?

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

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

Allow the OHTs to train as dentists and then they can practice independently in any part of the country. As it is they are tied to dependence on a dentist At the current time there is still a shortfall in the care and regularity of care provided to the under 18s. Lets fix that first.

Page 8: Anything else

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

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

I don't see the logic of simply copying Australia in the interest of transtasman goodwill as being a good basis to change our system.
