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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

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

1)OH therapists are already specialists in the treatment and behaviour management of children... a great skill and one desperately needed.

2)there is a huge need for children's dental care not being met....this is their remit and they should be filling this obligation first.

3)I think there may be public confusion as to the qualification of dental health provider.

4)If therapists were to expand their scope of practice they should still be working under a dentist who would have vicarious liability...if a dentist is available then there is not the need for a therapist... we do not have the same rural situations as Australia.

5) If therapists want to expand their scope of practice they should return to dental school and do dentistry (perhaps an abridged course.. or entrance as a mature student with their therapy counting towards their entrance criteria). Therapists are no more dentists than specialist nurses are doctors! They should be appreciated for their skills and awarded handsomely for them.

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.

See comments in Q4. I think the scope of practise should also define what the OHT CANNOT do, eg removal of permanent teeth etc, ie what procedures have to be referred.

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

Proposal is vague as to what the additoinal education would be envisaged.
