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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

Simply said:

It is not in the best interest of the public and
It's not in the best interest of the profession either.

On average, it takes a dentist 10 years or so of doing a dental degree plus continuing education programmes (spending 1000s of dollars) as well as daily practice to create restorative skills to provide quality treatment to the public.

By allowing therapists (with all due respect and acknowledgement to their commitment and training) to do restorative work for adults, you will end up with some clinic owners trying to "beat the market" by employing therapists to grab patients at lower costs with training that is less than that of a dentist as I stated above.

Net result: lower standards, misinforming the public about what restorative dentistry is all about and dental market driven by price not quality of education or skills of providers.

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? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

It is rather interesting to note that The dental council has a rigorous process to examine overseas qualified dentists (many of which has superior education and skills than Otago new graduates) for registration here in NZ yet proposes that therapists do the most widely performed dental procedures on a daily basis!!
