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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

Sudeep Raju

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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

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

Currently we have an adult population in NZ with increasingly complex Medical and Health issues. Restorative is part of comprehensive dental care and cannot be done in isolation. A correct diagnosis and treatment planning is essential before any treatment is initiated. This can only be done by a Fully trained dentist and having practiced over 20 years of general dentistry, I find some of them quite challenging, let alone an OHT who has limited training in adult restorative dentistry. Additionally Due to their limited training in restorative dentistry, they would be unable to manage any complications that may arise from the treatment they do. There is no clear directive on the level of autonomy that the OHT's would have in the proposal. It wouldn't be prudent for OHT's to work independently without supervision for the reasons outlined above.

There is also an issue of the Public not being aware of this two-tier system and therefore unable to make an informed decision on selecting their provider for dental care

There is no clear directive on the level

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? **No**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**
