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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name

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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

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

On Saturday I volunteered and extracted and restored about \$2500 worth of work for disadvantaged over 18 New Zealanders. Everyone of these patients had complicated medical histories, and the work was difficult with high decay, poor gums without even considering the rehabilitative side.

My serious concern is that the therapists could not do this work, in good time, with enough skills and that you are creating a 2 tiered system where you consider poor people don't need qualified clinicians. I personally think making \$300 Winz grants easily available to all who could get it. And creating an ACC type of payment schedule for work would be a much better service for all New Zealanders particularly the disadvantaged. I also think that you seem to be in denial about what current therapists are doing. I understand that most leave the DHBs and work privately as hygienists. As such risking losing skills they had.

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**
