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## Page 2: Your demographics

### Q1 Your details

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Company/organisation	[REDACTED]
City/town	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as **dentist or dental specialist**

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## Page 3: The proposal

<b>Q3</b> 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).	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
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## Page 4: Your support

<b>Q4</b> Please describe why you support the proposal	<b>Respondent skipped this question</b>
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## Page 5: Your concerns

### Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Trying to create a bypass for affordable dentistry with an under trained practitioner. tThe reality is the costs of running a dental practice are relatively static unless you totally undercut with budget materials or cut corners with poor infection control ultimately neither one benefits the patient.

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**

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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**

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Page 8: Anything else

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

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

Our education of OHT's we have seen and hired is not on a par with education from Australia or America. There is a huge therapy focus and a very limited if at all hygiene focus. The OHT's coming out we have experienced are not used to working with other practitioners they are very isolated from the dentist's at the dental school. The dentist's coming out are not familiar with what the OHT's scope is either. There is also a huge shortage of OHT's and currently they don't seem to be meeting the needs of the U18 population. dental decay a preventable disease is on the rise especially in children. I would like the focus to be back on the children, adequately trained hygiene scope and prevention. Focus on their core systems and re address this when there is a surplus of OHT's to meet the need of the current population.

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