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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name	Amy
Company/organisation	[Redacted]
City/town	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

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

Oral health therapists do not receive adequate training or experience to offer safe and ethical treatment to adults, who have much more complicated medical and oral conditions that an intensive five year dental degree was barely long enough to educate me as a dentist on. Even doing further courses once they have graduated is not sufficient to safely treat patients or educate them on the variety of options.

This also encourages even more of the workforce to move away from an already severely understaffed system of treating children and adolescents.

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

This will have no benefit for adults - they deserve comprehensive safe dental care by a skilled well educated clinician and I don't believe that the training ohts receive is anywhere near adequate for it. It will also worsen the waits and absence of care for children as more ohts move away from treating children.
