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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as **oral health therapist**

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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 agree**

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Page 4: Your support

**Q4** Please describe why you support the proposal

OHT's are completely competent to diagnose dental caries whether the person is 18 or 65. We are already treating medically comprised adults with hygiene services that would pose more risk than basic restorative treatment. I have often thought while performing deep caries management on a 16 year old patient, that skill is of topmost importance. The pulp chamber is usually more prominent than an older adult and I am regularly struggling with difficult access and compliance issues etc. Older adults have other complications such as fractures and occlusion that I would love to learn more about. Another important reason for me supporting this proposal is the lack of access for low socio economic groups in NZ. Holding the adult scope of practice, there will be ways of providing more preventative care to our needy and aging population (without taking work away from our hardworking dentists). I believe in Australia they have established these adult scope courses. I would love to attend one in NZ.

Page 5: Your concerns

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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

I am grateful for this consideration by Council and feel that this will be a step forward for NZ and OHT practice.

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