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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**

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

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Oral Health Therapists are trained to work under two skill sets. One being the under 18 dentistry and the other is as a hygienist for all ages. Most children have lost all baby teeth by the ages of 13, and an Oral Health Therapist is allowed to perform many levels of dentistry on under 18's including diagnosis and removal of caries(decay) on adult teeth. This fact alone means that an Oral Health Therapist is already allowed to treat adult teeth and is only limited by the age which ultimately doesn't change the teeth present. I believe that allowing Oral Health Therapists to take further study to treat adults for check-ups and non-complex treatment would allow dentistry to be more affordable and accessible to the wider community of NZ.

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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
