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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). **Disagree**

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

As an ex health professional myself, its concerning that Oral health therapist can treat adults without proper clinical training and exposure. I will be adamant to be treated by them than a dentist. They might have experience but only limited to peadiatrics and late teens. Adults cases can be very different from these category and more complex so therefore, a dental practitioner is way appropriate to treat it given their specialty on these areas.

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? **Yes**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

If OHT wants to treat adults, I think its fair to say that they need to go back to Uni to do further study to obtain extra qualufication on treating adults to reassure the public for competence and public safety

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

I hope the Dental Council should be critical and weigh this proposal seriously as this could cause serious concern for the general public about public safety. My analogy to this proposal, its like a nurse diagnosing a patient problem. Its only a medical can diagnose not a nurse. The dental professional itself has a bad reputation and given this proposal it will worsen especially if OHT made an error to their clinical judgment. It will be double tragedy and alot of people will travel overseas for cheap dental treatment.
