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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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

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

As a qualified oral health therapist I 100% support this proposal. For myself it does not make sense that I can provide dental treatment to a 17 year old that has permanent teeth but once they turn 18 I can no longer provide treatment for them. The only thing that has changed for this child is their age but they still have the same dental problems and same dentition but due to them turning 18 I can no longer provide dental treatment for them. I am not interested in learning new skills such as crowns, implants etc I support the side that allows me to provide simple restorative treatment such as fillings or extraction for anyone regardless of their age. I would love to use my skills to provide fillings or extractions for all ages and not just to those that are under the age of 18. If a clinician has the skills to provide dental treatment for all ages then why not allow them to use that skill to provide treatments to those who need it without focusing on their age but focusing on the real concern which is poor OH. We cannot control the age of individuals therefore we should shift the focus to something we can control which is providing treatment to all who needs it.

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?

Yes

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

There should be no age restriction in the field of dentistry, if you have the skills to provide good quality dental treatment then should be used to provide treatment for all regardless of their age.
