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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

I am a NZ registered Oral health therapist. I have been working for both public and private dental clinics in the past ten years in Auckland. I have seen the oral health needs not only for children but for many adults who can not afford for dental services. ARDS has changed the old school dental system about eight years ago. The service wanted to bring parents to dental appointments to educate them about oral health. I often see parents who come to the dental appointment with visible dentine caries or missing teeth. Some parents ask me if we could treat their teeth.

Dentistry is an evidence based practice. Oral health or dental therapists are able to treat adults in Australia. As oral health therapists have been treating permanent teeth in older children, I believe we could treat adults in the same way.

Parents play an important role to educate and help children with their dental health. I strongly support this proposal and recommends NZ universities offer a DCNZ accredited program that removes the current restriction on OHTs scope of practice.

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
