



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name **Kelsey Ryan**

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 strongly support this proposal. The proposed change in age restriction does not intend to change the scope of practice of an oral health therapist (OHT), nor the current professional relationship OHT's must maintain with a dentist. Those over the age of 18 could greatly benefit from the preventative focused care that OHT's provide already to children. Potentially allowing those in lower socioeconomic areas to access at the very least, some form of care. This holistic model would increase the oral health knowledge in the family – providing more incentive to maintain good oral health.

Currently registered dental therapists in New Zealand have the ability to gain further training to provide restorative treatment to adults 18 years and older. However, OHT's do not have this ability in their scope. By allowing New Zealand OHT's the potential to gain further accredited education to provide restorative treatment (within their scope) to those over the age of 18, would bring New Zealand in line with our overseas equivalents.

Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy 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
