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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). **Agree**

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

It will give Oral health therapists to broaden their experiences when it comes to permanent dentition tx. This will also going to be beneficial for dentists as OHT will be able to treat pts who needs minimal invasive tx and will lighten dentists workload and will allow them to take in morw serious cases.

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

I am just worried that uplifting the age will encourage more OHT new grads to take in Private practice jobs. DHBs already are struggling to retain new grads. I know that this proposal will be beneficial for adults who find it difficult to get dental care. However, if the number of OHT opted with this, what will happen with the DHBs and the children who is also suffering with major decay problems
