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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**

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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**

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Page 4: Your support

**Q4** Please describe why you support the proposal

There is a genuine need for better oral health for all New Zealanders including over 18 year olds and the fact is that our current system is failing to meet these needs. This proposal would allow greater access to care for more of our population and at the end of the day our main goal is "good oral health for all, for life". The biggest barrier to the uptake of oral health is expense. So for lower to medium income earners, dentistry is simply out of their reach.

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Page 5: Your concerns

**Q5** Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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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**

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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

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

**Yes**

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

It has come to my attention that this proposal has become a battle of degrees. We all need to refocus and look at the greater good of the people of Aotearoa. Better oral health for all, for life is the ultimate goal & I sincerely believe that by lifting the age limit we will be moving positively towards this goal. By removing the age restriction is it simply that, there is no change of scope or ability but simply being able to provide a much needed service.

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