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



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name Tan Nguyen

Company/organisation

City/town

Email

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

The proposal is consistent with the approach by the Dental Board of Australia, acknowledging there is Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition for foundation oral health and dentistry degrees. The proposal for "exclusion" criteria is not the approach consistent with best practice regulation, nor is there any evidence that an "exclusion" list adds to the protection of the public. This requirement does not exist for dentists intending to expand their individual scope of practice.

Page 5: Your concerns

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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?

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

The prescribed list under Appendix 1 may be seen an exhaustive list of duties. Again, this is inconsistent with the accreditation standards of the Australian Dental Council, which is approved by the Dental Board of Australia.

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