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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as **dentist or dental specialist**

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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).

**Strongly disagree**

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Page 4: Your support

**Q4** Please describe why you support the proposal **Respondent skipped this question**

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Page 5: Your concerns

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

The sub-qualified OHTs will be putting the public at risk

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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? **Yes**

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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.

Greetings Dental Council, As I am new to New Zealand, I was hesitant at first to submit an opinion regarding the OHT resolution. However, I served as president of my states Dental Association in the USA and at the time we faced similar issues; it was investigated at length. I believe by creating a two tier oral health system, you are putting the public at risk. There is a huge leap in both training and responsibility when doing adult treatments, especially giving anesthesia and doing surgery. Patient systemic risks are becoming increasingly more common and more complicated. Just the fact that medication uses are rampant, and the drug interaction risks alone are of great concern. Our first responsibility is to protect the public, this resolution would put the public in harms way on a large scale. Respectfully submitted, Gail Willow DDS

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **No**

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**

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