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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). **Strongly agree**

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

People in New Zealand are living with chronic dental pain and the lack of access to oral health care is a key concern for the practitioners and public. Having a highly skilled workforce of oral health therapists' to assist in meeting the oral health needs of New Zealanders should also be take into consideration when making the final decision on this consultation. I agree with Council that having this exclusion of scope removed for oral health therapists is a start to better access for primary dental health care for the general population. This will also help dental therapists who have completed an approved course be able to deliver primary health care as well in the future. Our population is ageing and it is evident that the needs of older New Zealanders will not be met by the existing workforce and current model of dental care for over the age of 18. The role of oral health therapists (and dental therapists) in addressing the unmet need in older adults would be vital for good oral health for all; for life.

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
