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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

Name

**Aenoy Brown**

City/town

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Email

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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).

**Strongly agree**

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Page 4: Your support

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

As an oral health Therapist our scope of practice covers restorative dental treatment under the age of 18. If this were to include treating adult patients, the benefits will be to help reduce the DMF rate of the nz population.

Patients in vulnerable, rural, isolated areas can be treated for restorations that they may typically not have access to.

Oral health Therapists may have work with patients right from infancy through to adolescence, and the patient may want to continue this relationship into adulthood. We see there is a big absence in dental visits once they turn 18, and having oral health Therapists continue to treat them may increase dental visits.

Costs can be reduced, therefore more affordable, as a lot of people complain that dentistry is expensive. Reduced costs at a time when they are likely to be tertiary students or working earning only the minimum wage.

Looking at the preventative side also. During this period after high school Regular exams, early intervention post high school will reduce the impact on the DMF rates. As well as improve periodontal health. Without earl intervention this can have an impact on their quality of life.

Restorative procedures for older patients like class V.

Restorative treatment for severe sensitive buccal sites

I understand the concerns of some dental professionals, however at the end of the day we are all in this field to improve the oral health of our population. With treatment but more so preventative measures

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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? **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.

Respondent skipped this question

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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