



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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| Name | Rochelle Weller |
| Company/organisation | [Redacted] |
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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

There is a major need for more dental professionals in rural areas, being part of a rural area we struggle to attract dentists to come work but have a great team of OHTs, by allowing this change in scope would mean that some of the more basic restorative work could be passed on to the OHTs, therefore leaving the dentists to be able to deal with the more complex cases.

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? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

My worry would be that I do not feel at this stage enough time is given to the undergraduates as it is around the therapy side of practice let alone cramming in more into the current allocated time frame. I feel that the OHTs that are out in the workforce currently are more likely to be able to diagnose and detect caries correctly than some of the new graduates I have met. Maybe something to consider is that the length of the bachelors degree get extended or everyone needs to be put in the workforce then able to apply to do the course after (x) amount of years of practical clinical work
