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



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Email

Name

Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

consumer/consumer group

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

Lyn

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

OHTs are not skilled enough to deal with the complexities of a full mouth treatment on an aged patient. They barely achieve satisfactory results on children and tend to be quite brash and hurried in their clinical approach. I do not believe it would be safe for the general public to be in their care, particularly if they are unsupervised and allowed to work on their own.

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

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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.

If they do get increased scope it should only be if they complete a post-graduate degree and this should be based on a proven high standard of clinical care with a minimum 5 year work experience to support their application

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

An absolutely preposterous proposal that slanders the skill involved of a properly qualified dentist.