



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name	Lester Settle
Company/organisation	
City/town	
Email	

Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as	District Health Board
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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).	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

Hospital Dental has been able to closely observe how newly graduated dentists cope once exposed to a working environment and the over whelming observation we have is they need a great deal of support. Therefore we only support extended scope in a supportive team framework.

One of the reasons implied for the change of scope is that it will make dentistry more affordable. Working in a hospital providing low cost dentistry it is evident every day this is not low complexity, the social and medical co-morbidity's evident in this group require management and diagnostic skills beyond the scope of a 3 year degree.

Associated with cost of dentistry, the costs of running a dental practice are around 60%, therefore the ability of an independent therapist to provide dentistry at a lower price point is far from guaranteed.

Lastly our Community Dental services struggle to attract and maintain their work force, this change will only mean a service already struggling to meet demand will be further disadvantaged.

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

Hospital Dental believe for the proposed changes to take effect and be safe for the patient it can only be in a team environment including an experienced dentist.
