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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

Name	Ben Tan
Company/organisation	[Redacted]
City/town	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as **consumer/consumer group**

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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

Dental service charges are very high in New Zealand. This is a result of under supply of trained professionals. If there is a group of trained professionals who can perform the required procedures. I don't see why we should limit their scope of services.

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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.

Dental therapist should also be included in this change since they are also well fitted in performing the same restorative procedures.

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **Yes**

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

Most of the dental service clinics in New Zealand provide financial options for fees. This is a clear clear evidence that dental service is not affordable in New Zealand. The root cause of the problem is under supply of dental health care professionals. Further training OHT or dental therapist to perform restorative procedures on adult is a reasonable and economical way to resolve the problem.

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