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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):
Student

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

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

I personally believe that we have so much backlog in the care of our young people that including a whole new scope into BOH practice will only further the waitlists for our young children to be seen. I also believe that even with 5 years of training to receive a BDS qualification there are still many people in NZ receiving unsatisfactory dental care. So to then introduce many people into the workforce that have only had 3 years of tertiary training we will only end up with worse dental outcomes in our community. I also think that for franchises that employ both hygienists and dentists that for them this is just an opportunity to take a bigger cut of profit by charging adults at a set rate per procedure but paying a hygienist at a lower rate. I also worry that if they stagger the pricing to where the hygienist can restore adults at a cheaper cost that the public will steer away from the more expensive yet more qualified dentist- ultimately making the job of dental professionals redundant.

I understand that dentistry in NZ needs change for more equitable outcomes, but the pathway to this isn't through letting an already overworked OHT widen their scope. In this scenario no body benefits except for the companies that host both dentists and OHT.

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? **No**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**
