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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

Name

**Imelda Wilkes**

City/town

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Email

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):  
BDS  
Student

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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 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

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

### Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

I strongly disagree with letting Oral Health Therapists treat individuals over the age of 18. I believe it will encroach on dentists' scope of practice. It is also unfair that OHT's are only required to do a 3 year degree but a BDS degree is 5 years, within this there is a much less competitive entry into BOH compared with BDS. This results in decreased cost and difficulty to complete the degree, but results in the same outcome - if OHTs can treat over 18's.

I also think that OHT will get paid less to do the same work as a dentist which will make the public more likely to go to them, however with decreased training, the quality may be decreased and thus individuals may require further trips to a dentist which would make it more expensive in the long run. If OHT's are allowed to treat over 18 year olds then whats to say they wont try and keep increasing their scope of practice over the years, ultimately do the same job as a dentist but with less training.

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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? **No**

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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. **Respondent skipped this question**

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### Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **No**

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### Page 10: Last thoughts

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

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