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## Page 2: Your demographics

### Q1 Your details

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

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### Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):  
Dentistry Student (BDS)

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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).

Agree

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## Page 4: Your support

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

### Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I support the proposal as it may hopefully offer more available (and potentially affordable) dental care around New Zealand.

However, I do hope the supplementary programmes/refurnished undergraduate programmes are in depth enough that they will broaden Oral Health Practitioners knowledge about other dental/oral conditions. Their scope does not include aspects such as prosthodontics or endodontics which dentists are taught. Patients tend to show an increasing need for these other specialties as they age and without the knowledge of these, will Oral Health Practitioners be fit to work alongside these other aspects? Would they be able to deal with a situation they may accidentally stumble upon where a 65 year old patient is in need of help outside of their scope and accurately identify this and refer before starting a procedure? Younger/child patients are not usually found in need of a root canal or have a removable partial denture, thus it is reasonably safe for a Oral Health Practitioner to address an under 18 year old patient. Another note, is with the extra time spent studying and extra knowledge learnt, will it not reach a point where it would have been more worthwhile pursuing a Bachelor of Dental Surgery?

I also hope that Oral Health Practitioner pricing does not increase in response to any new amendments.

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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.

I would like OHT qualifications/studies be extended so they have a greater understanding of other specialties that are more likely to occur in older patients compared to their usual under 18 year olds.

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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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