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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):
Dental
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

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

Education for Adult Care, including restorations, are specifically taught and trained in dental students. Oral health therapist act only as auxiliaries to the dental profession, and in this way do not have sufficient training or scope of knowledge for advanced adult care such as restorative activities. There is significant concern with the quality of dental care that will be effected should this restriction be removed. Protective, non-invasive, and non-restorative procedures may be bypassed for the sake of conducting restorative procedures by Oral Health Therapist, as they do not have the scope of knowledge or training to conduct more advanced and non-invasive procedures that will be required for proper patient care.

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

Although I hope this is not the case, I have a concern that the proposal to lift the restriction may stem from an unethical area. As Oral Health Therapist are positioned to gain financial benefit from the lifting of the restriction upon their practicing scope. The patient does not benefit by having an unqualified practitioner conduct restorative care in their dentition, but Oral Health gains a larger patient base.
