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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):  
Oral Health  
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 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

The removal of the age limit from the OHT scope of practice will be a huge step in the dental sector responding to the ever increasing needs of the community. It appears that opposition to this proposal has firmly established hierarchical and financial motives, however it is imperative that these motives are not the centre of this discussion and that the priorities for change remain what is best for the patient and what the community needs.

OHTs around the country and abroad are managing patients with complex medical histories using their hygiene skills, they are also demonstrated they have skills to manage restorative work on the same permanent teeth they are already treating on under 18s. Graduates ability and scope of practice should rest on their educational preparation and competency for practice, not on artificially imposed age limits without evidence.

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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?

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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