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Dear Sir /Madam,

I was just wanting to pass my views of the proposed new scope.

After reading the proposed idea and the proposed response from the NZDA, and from a few years of working experience with Hygienist/Therapists. I really agree with the NZDA idea in refused the addition of a third scope.

Moreover, I have been working with few oral health therapists (mostly graduated after the year 2010) , and I could always feel the need for them to have a dentist supervising , as well as intervening when needed. With their different experiences there were always things needed to be asked about, and the ability to manage permanent teeth, in my opinion, is not high enough to be working with no direct supervision, nor to extend the current scope to include patient 18 years old and over.

Especially, when any damage to a permanent tooth will catch up for long time unlike deciduous teeth.

As I Mentioned before, this is purely from working along few dental therapists/hygienists, graduated from both AUT and Otago universities in oral health.

Please feel free to contact me directly least you need any further information.

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