



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name	Bridget Abraham
Company/organisation	
City/town	
Email	

Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **oral health therapist**

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

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Research that I have read shows that low in-come families will have lost 2.5 teeth by the time they are 38 due to tooth decay. Working in a Maori medical centre as a dental assistant before going back to study a Bach of Oral Health a number of my patients would have extractions over fixing there teeth due to cost. Opening the Scope with further study will hopefully bring prices of treatment down. I am very much supporting this proposal due to it benefiting me and my career, but I do have concerns, the reasons people don't get treatment done is due to cost and by opening the scope will it make things cheaper? is the costs of our services going to be monitored? Are we going to have government clinics that have reduced prices? Oral Health Therapists work for a government organisations or in private practice for a boss where they don't choose prices the prices are set but the practice. So is this change going to make dentistry more affordable

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question
