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Page 2: Your information

**Q1**

Your details

Name	Morris
Surname	Wong
City/town	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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**Q2** dentist or dental specialist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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Page 3: Name of company/organisation

**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

Name of company/organisation

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Page 4: Your Person ID number

**Q4**  
Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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**Q5**

**Disagree**

Do you agree/disagree with the proposal to remove the mandated requirement for a professional relationship (dental therapy), working relationship (dental hygiene, orthodontic auxiliary practice), and a consultative professional relationship (oral health therapy) from the respective scopes of practice. Please detail why.

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**Q6**

Please provide comments to support your response.

I believe a patients' overall treatment plan is best overseen by a registered dentist. Provision for this is made by the requirement of clinical guidance or supervision. In my practice I receive referrals from hygienists and oral health therapists, where no clear treatment plan has been established. I see this as a failure in supervision or guidance. If this requirement is removed, I feel there is no longer any safeguard for the hygienist/therapist or patient. I am concerned that some dentist will discard all responsibility of patient care onto the hygienist/therapist, who are not equipped to oversee comprehensive patient planing. Removal of safeguards also detracts from the overall "team" approach to patient care.

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**Q7**

**Disagree**

Do you agree/disagree to remove references to working/professional/consultative professional relationships from the dental therapy, dental hygiene, orthodontic auxiliary practice, oral health therapy, dental technology and clinical dental technology scopes of practice? (as detailed in Appendices A – F). Please detail why.

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**Q8**

Please provide comments to support your response.

A team approach to patient care requires communication. A professional relationship encourages such communication. A professional relationship provides accountability to both parties.

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**Q9**

**Agree**

Do you agree/disagree with the removal of the requirement for direct clinical supervision for administration of local anaesthetic and prescription preventive agents? Please detail why.

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**Q10**

Please provide comments to support your response.

our therapists undergo the same CPR and medical emergency training as all practice staff. It is also often necessary for LA to be administered at unscheduled times.

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**Q11**

**Disagree**

Do you agree/disagree with the removal of clinical guidance for the remainder of the dental hygiene scope activities? (excluding the orthodontic activities currently defined as being performed under direct supervision). Please detail why.

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**Q12**

Please provide comments to support your response.

I do not see how you can administer treatment unless the treatment aims are understood or have been communicated

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**Q13**

**Agree**

Do you agree/disagree to align the description of the following scope activity with current dental hygiene practice in the following way: obtaining and reassessing medical and dental oral health histories? Please detail why.

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**Q14**

Please provide comments to support your response.

obtaining a medical or oral health history implies recording the relevant information only. seeking counsel is still an option if the histories or implications are not understood

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**Q15**

**Yes**

Are there any further comments you would like to make on the proposals?

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**Q16**

Please comment below

i have heard comment that if working relationship requirements are removed, the therapist/hygienst can still seek assistance if required. However, my concern is that there will be no-one to be around if assistance is needed

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