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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the scope of practice registration standards. I am currently a new graduate dentist from the University of Sydney, and after reading the proposed changes have decided to voice my concerns over the proposed act.

As a new graduate dentist, I still feel that there is much to be learnt and to be improved upon personally both in the theory and practical aspects of dentistry. Whilst I cannot speak for everybody, it would not surprise me if many new graduates also feel the same. Even with personal criticisms aside, the sheer amount and requirements of tertiary education required to become a dentist, I believe, far outweigh those required to become a qualified dental therapist or hygienist. Being from the University of Sydney and having studied and trained along side BOH students, there is a clear differentiation between the training and education BOH students receive, compared to BDent students. To broaden the scope of practice of oral hygienists/therapists when insufficient training and education has been provided I believe is simply irresponsible. Especially considering a lot of the public still have difficulty understanding the differences between all the dental qualifications.

The general feel from many (both experienced and new) dentists also is that the job market already is heavily saturated and dry. To make these changes would only make things worse. I believe many new graduates are still struggling to obtain full time employment.

I sincerely hope you take into consideration all the expressions of concern regarding the proposed changes.

Kind regards,
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