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Sent: Sunday, 9 June 2013 5:01 PM
To: Guidelines Consultation
Subject: Proposed Changes to Dental Scope of Practice

Dear Executive Officer of Dental Board of Australia,

My name is Daniel Busch and I am a second year dentistry student in Queensland. I strongly reject the proposal to extend the scope of practice of allied dental practitioners for the following reasons:

- There will need to be training through CPD of existing dental therapists, OHT's and dental prosthetists which will likely lead to substandard care since these competencies will not have been formally examined.
- There is no epidemiological need for further extensions to the scope of practice of so-called 'dental practitioners' to supply more practitioners: there are already too many practitioners.
- The training of dentists is extensive and necessary to ensure a good standard of care: the public will suffer from substandard care if OHT's and prosthetists are given such an extension to their scope of practice and university curricula will have to be changed considerably.
- This will place pressure on dentists to find patients when there is already an oversupply of dentists in Australia.
- Medical nurses are not permitted unsupervised practice or training in complex procedures: why should this be the case in dentistry.

Particularly, as a student of dentistry I am questioning whether or not I should pursue a career in this field when it seems like there is little potential to find a job if these regulations are passed. Also, I am questioning whether or not I should pursue such a lengthy training period when other practitioners are permitted to practice many of the same competencies with far less training.

I strongly reject these proposed changes.

Yours Sincerely,

Daniel Busch.