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I would like to express my support for the DBA proposed changes regarding scope of practice. These changes reflect a constantly evolving health service delivery paradigm, and align dentistry with other health professions whereby individuals work competently within their scope, and refer outside as required.

It has been frustrating to see such negative responses to these changes from dentists who appear to be ill informed and ignorant about what they actually mean, and what OHTs actually do. To say that this has been insulting and disrespectful to a group of intelligent, highly educated, and highly skilled health care professionals is an understatement. But perhaps biggest disappointment has been the inference that the general public will now be at greater risk due to the incapability of 'mid level dental auxiliaries' to provide quality care in the areas in which they are trained. In my experience, I would argue that OHTs are more cautious, more aware of their limitations, and more likely to refer when unsure than dentists. If anything, the public are less likely to be at risk with this kind of work ethic.

I would like to congratulate AHPRA and the DBA for being proactive and progressive, and am excited to see the positive outcomes of these changes in the future.

Kind regards,
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