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Subject: Scope of Practice Consultation

Hi,

I write to you concerned about any proposal that would grant independent practice to Dental Hygenists /Dental Oral Health Therapists.

I am a very recently retired Dentist who spent 35 years in Dental Practice.

Hygenists are a very valuable member of the Dental team and this Structure benefits the public by allowing access to the Full range of Preventive Dental Services in an efficient and cost effective manner. I cannot see how having independent practice will change this.

In addition to this I am concerned about the safety of the public. Examination by a Dentist allows the full range of issues to be explored. My concern is that many people would choose to see the Hygenists only and not visit the Dentists regularly .

Yours Faithfully

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