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To: dentalboardconsultation <dentalboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au>
Subject: Scope of Practice Public Consultation

Dear Dr. Lockwood,

As you are aware, the ADA and ADAQ have generic responses to your proposed Scope of Practice changes.

I don't wish to copy a long letter here with no personality, but instead wish to add my own voice as a young practitioner to this conversation.

Having graduated only very recently as a dentist, I have very new and real experience as to how quickly procedures and situations in the dental clinic escalate past initial expectation and diagnosis; you will remember the feeling. I can guarantee that without the training I have had as a dentist that my patients would have been exposed to the risk of sub-optimal treatment. I do not want these sticky situations to befall any inexperienced OHTs or other mid-level providers, which then bring the reputation of the dental community down in the public arena if anyone is put at risk.

I do not support mid-level practitioners being able to practice independently. I can understand the sentiment driving the assessment as to whether it should go ahead, but the cons surely outweigh the pros by a long way here.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards

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