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Dear Sir / Madam,

I write with objection to the increase in scope for of Prosthetists, Dental Therapists and Oral Hygiene Therapists. Whilst Dentists have a minimum of 5 years undergraduate training, soon to equate to seven years (University of Melbourne), a dental therapist with as little as one or two years of training, will be able to open a practice independently, and treat adults without supervision.

The AHPRA Service Charter cites "***We act in the interest of public health and safety***". By extending the scope of OHT and DT's the public's interest in health and safety will not be protected. A cheaper unsafe service will be the outcome, if ***under-educated*** practioners are let loose on the public.

With Regards

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