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To the Executive Officer

I am a dental therapist working in a private practice. To expand my scope of practice is the most important thing to me. Continuing my education and learning will make me a better clinician. I would like there to be a change in the scope to allow myself a chance of bringing my skill level up to the level of today's graduates and be able to treat patients up to the age of 25 years of age or beyond. I believe this to be very important to allow previous graduates who can't treat young adults to allow them to stay up to date with graduates coming through that can. I believe the pilot program that was run in Victoria to train dental therapist to treat all ages would be a great way to achieve this. Please consider this I feel as though I'm being left behind in my profession and that worries me, I just want to be able to practice within my scope and be the best my profession can offer in the way of furthering my skills like the new graduates that are coming out. I'd also like to see a bridging program for therapists to upgrade to hygiene and make it easier and accessible to rural based clinicians like myself as traveling is very expensive and hard to do. The only one I could do is in SA and that's too far away considering hygienists can do a 12 month upgrade at Newcastle to become a therapist.

Kind regards
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Sent from my iPhone