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I am writing to show my concern in regards to the proposal to change the scope of practice for therapists and hygienists. I have had the opportunity to work with many therapists and hygienists through my career and feel they are very valuable member of my team in regards to oral hygiene aid and simple restorative care. My experience has been though that their caries diagnosing is extremely poor which is one of our most basic requirements as dental practitioners.

The training for oral medicine occlusion dental materials to name a few is completely incomparable to what dentists have to learn before graduation and to allow them increased scope is going to drastically compromise the dental health of Australians

Regards

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