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Dear Sir/Madam

I am sure you don't want or have the time to read another copy and paste form letter from ADA members so I won't burden you with that. The plain simple truth is that there will not be a dental manpower shortage in Australia looking forward. There will be sufficient fully trained dentists to meet dental demand, probably an oversupply. Expanding the scope of practice to lesser trained/qualified personnel just isn't in the public interest. It isn't in the dental professions interest either. As the dental manpower force expands and employment opportunities for fully trained dentists decrease you can expect a decline in the quality of applicants to dental schools. The profession will be diminished. The public will suffer. This just isn't good policy unless your goal is to transition dentistry from a profession to a trade.

Respectfully yours,

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