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The Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association (ADOHTA) is happy to support the submission of the Australian Dental Council on the Consultation Paper

Proposed Registration Arrangements

The submission was compiled after group consultation involving all dental representative groups including the ADOHTA.

We would like to clarify the comment raised in section **3 Regulated Professions** regarding the omission of the classification of 'Oral Health Therapist' as a division of the register. Oral Health Therapists currently practice in every state and territory however they are required to register as both Dental Therapists and Dental Hygienists as their qualification equips them to practice both professions. The majority of universities in Australia now only have Oral Health Therapists or Dentists graduating from their dental schools. Therefore in the future the majority of Dental Practitioners Board of Australia registrants other than Dentists will be Oral Health Therapists. Two states have recognised the anomaly of this and have introduced the "Oral Health Therapist" as a separate registerable category. We recommend that the National Board should follow this trend.

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