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INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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Summary

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Standing Committee on Social Issues,
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To whom it may concern,

We were requested to write about Dental issues.

I live in the Blue Mountains and with an aching tooth have waited 8/9 days for an appointment. My husband broke a large piece off his eye tooth and had to wait two weeks, he was not in pain, however ate limitidly as we expected it to ache at any time. I have had rheumatic fever and before any dental service have to take antibiotics. Every time I have to take antibiotics for any reason I phone for a dental appointment expecting to get one so that I do not have to take so many antibiotics. This has never happened, I also offer to take any cancellation. I have tried 5/6 times. We have been using this dentist for 5 years and am paying customers. There are three dentists in this surgery at Glenbrook.

My daughter has a two and 4 year old, she wanted appointments for them to have their teeth looked at while she was there. To get three running appointments she waited two months.

I also visited in-laws in Laurieton NSW, this is a country town. Aileen is on a pension and had black broken and missing teeth, she used to cover her mouth with a hanky and was very conscious of her oral health. She said she could not get false teeth there or in Taree for over two years. This time has passed and she has false teeth, her husband now has been without any teeth for over a year.

Hope this is the information you are requesting.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ellen