# INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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## Dear Committee

I have received your letter dated 20 May 2005, I would request that name suppression is used with my submission, instead of confidentiality as I originally requested. I believe this may help the inquiry to achieve it aims more effectively following the receipt of your letter.

I would hope this inquiry could help more with preventative dental work in the public hospitals. This may have

saved my extracted tooth if waiting times and services were shorter and more effective.

## Submission 29 Dental Services in NSW

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#### **Dear Committe**

I would like to contribute the following relating to the terms of reference

- (a) I have received inadequate care in the Lithgow Dental Clinic which has resulted in experiencing much pain and discomfort and the loss of one of my teeth resulting inadequate chewing and chewing on one side much more often. This is wearing away and making sensitive another tooth and chewing on one side is exacerbating my neck injury causing neck and jaw pain. I have been denied access to a false tooth to alleviate this, and my phone calls have not even been answered. The poor quality of care initially has resulted in me now needing more services, which is causing me very much undue anxiety and distress. The quality of care of Dental Clinics needs to be improved immediately to eliminate further complications in clients and provide a better and ultimately more cost effective service in the long run.
- (b) Waiting times need to be reduced to deliver better services in public services so I am not even further disadvantaged already being disabled with special requirements, I am also not able to access appropriate dental services.
- (c) Funding needs to be increased to provide adequate dental services to the poor and disadvantaged peolple of NSW.
- (f) Preventative measures are a vital and important aspect of public dental care to fix the problems before they result in loss of teeth and further deterioration of remaining teeth, as teeth are vital to good health for digestion, facial comfort and reduction of further complications.

Thank you for receiving my submission.

I request my submission be considered as confidential.

Yours sincerely