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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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**Theme:**

**Summary**

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Mrs. L. A. KINDRED

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have been on the public dental list for five years. I have a hole in one tooth and pain in another. A year ago I broke my three front teeth which is creating problems. Apart from the pain it also cosmetically upsets me. Being the front teeth affected I don't even smile as I am psychologically upset for the way they ruin my looks. I have always taken pride in myself however I have had a broken neck, two lumbar spinal surgeries and further surgery needed. Money is tight as I am on the disability pension. As you can imagine I am on medication, however the only one that helps is not

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covered on the P.B.S. thus I have to pay full price for some and PBS others. This alone is a big dent in my pension.

When I rang the public dental office here where I was registered they laughed when I wanted to see the dentist. Even though I had been on the waiting list five years she said I would be lucky if I get in, in the next "ten years." to quote "You would be better to go to a private dentist"

My million dollar question is what with I'll never be able to afford a private dentist. So I guess by the time I go through the system my own teeth will be fully rotten and I guess I'll have to go on a list for dentures!! and wait another ten plus years for them.

Something has to be done about the dental system, now!!!

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs. Louise A. Kindred.