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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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Dear Sir/Madam

I want to tell you of my terrible experience at Gosford Hospital Dental Clinic recently. I have previously attended Wyong Hospital Clinic where I received excellent treatment.

When I rang for an appointment at Wyong, they suggested Gosford because I would probably get in sooner. I did get an appointment within 2 weeks and filled the tooth. About a month later I had further problems and phoned the clinic again and was told it was a six months waiting list. By the time I got in to see them I had terrible pain with pressure bite on my front tooth and also with the one they filled. The dentist told me I had receding gums and were sensitive tooth/paste which I always use, and nothing wrong with the earlier filling. When things went from bad to worse I had to see a private dentist. After X ray I was told I had an infection and couldn't save my front tooth. Then I had to have a plate with a false tooth and refill the filling of the other tooth because of

cavity which was supposed to be filled. - all this  
cost me \$500 - out of my pension which I couldn't  
nearly afford. all this because the Dentist at  
Yonkers couldn't be bothered to + Roy the  
tooth. This may have saved my tooth and  
it's possible I may now have to loose the one  
next to it, so it is a wait and see time.

I'm sure you realize I'm not a happy  
person.

yours faithfully  
Shirley Compton