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I invite you to look inside my mouth for the state of dentistry in NSW.

I haven't been to a dentist at all for some 5 years and that was an emergency one off visit.

Why? I can't pay - how can a person on minimum wage, working part time or casual, afford dental fees?

I have two teeth with massive holes, sharp edges: one site where I regularly get visible infection in the gum, a canine with a visible decay spot, and two front teeth which are brown due to faded veneers: after breaking a front tooth I had veneers to strengthen the teeth and I cannot now pay to update them ( I won't use the word afford since it's not a matter of choice).

Tooth care in a HEALTH matter: how can a person eat, smile, with rotten teeth: how can they present for a job? As for the dental hospital it's a 6 month plus waiting list and just go and sit in the waiting room - so depressing, and the students are not well supervised.

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