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INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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To Whom it may concern,

I'm in urgent need of dental work. I am on the disability pension. An example of the trouble I have had to get dental treatment. Approx 3 years ago I had a loose tooth and was in severe pain. I went to the public dental clinic, they told me I wasn't in enough pain for them to do anything. I then had to go to my doctor to get strong pain relief as my tooth was actually hanging out. My doctor rang the dental surgery and said could they help. They said no. So 2 weeks later approx my Dr rang them again as I couldn't eat, drink or sleep. Again they said I wasn't in enough pain. In desperation I sat in the waiting room and refused to leave until they did something.

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In the end they pulled the tooth.

As it stands now I am still disabled and can't afford private dental. I have 2 teeth totting away. If one of them comes out I will not be able to wear my denture as the plate wire connects to this tooth. The govt needs to step in we are sick of being pushed aside

Yours faithfully,

N.G. Hunt