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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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To the Standing Committee on Social Services.

As an aged pensioner I have experienced the so called free dental care in NSW. The system is a complete farce and does not supply the necessary care for pensioners.

I suggest that if pensioners could have treatment at their dentist of choice ,and have the expenses covered by Medicare,the problem could be resolved.

My wife and I have paid between \$4000 & \$5000 for treatment for a single tooth,an expense we can no longer afford.The alternative now is to have our teeth extracted as pain developes.

This problem is very common among pensioners and is a disgrace in a wealthy nation like Australia.

Robert Paul