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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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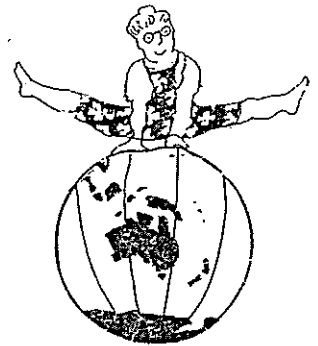
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The Standing Committee on Social Issues,

Legislative Council,  
Parliament House,  
Macquarie Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W. 2000.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The Inquiry by The Standing Committee on Social Issues  
into Dental Health.

As citizens of N.S.W., we have long been concerned about the degrading state of dental health services and education, and welcome the Upper House Inquiry into this neglected area of health care.

We are aware of many people who suffer significant pain and disability from poor dental health, and are dismayed by the lack of adequate services to relieve their pain and restore their lives to normal function.

Evidence is proving that dental health and general health are linked, so poor dental health is making our communities sick in more ways than one.

The shortage of trained dental clinicians, and allied practitioners, further increase the problems.

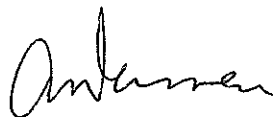
Rural and Regional services appear to be under greater stress, even for people able to pay, the lack of preventative dental programmes, and insufficient flouridation compound the problem further.

Despite a Senate Inquiry in 1998 very little seems to have been done by either State or Federal Governments to address our concerns.

Despite an increase of about one billion dollars for N.S.W. Health in the recent budget, no new funding for dental health has been allocated.

We hope the current Inquiry results in positive action to address these concerns.

Sincerely,



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