

INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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To the Chairman,
The Standing Committee on Social Issues
Legislative Council
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Dear Chairman,

As a committee member of Grey Power Parramatta Branch it is my duty to point out some longstanding shortcomings in the present NSW Dental Care

Any one who is not covered by a private [dental] Health Fund who goes to a NSW Dental Care Facility [eg. Westmead Dental] with an urgent dental problem is assessed on pain factor, where depending on severity, emergency dental care is provided, usually extraction only. No remedial or preventative care is done due to time and financial factors. Tax-paying self-funded Australian retirees are not entertained at all. All other patients are placed on a waiting-list of at least 24 months. This is due to lack of funding for additional amenities and trained dental staff

Much more State Dental funding needs to be allocated to help prevent other ailments arising from poor chewing and stomach complaints that can develop into more serious internal illnesses.

Yours sincerely



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