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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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**Theme:**

**Summary**

## **Submission to NSW Dental Inquiry**

As a medical doctor working as a GP in Orange, a NSW regional centre, I am concerned at the difficulty that my patients have in accessing appropriate dental services.

Frequently my patients will mention a dental problem such as dental pain. We will discuss the options for accessing dental services in both the private and public systems. Even with a referral from myself prompt access to the Public Dental Clinic in our area is only available for initial assessment. Appropriate treatment often is delayed for several months.

This situation concerns me particularly in the elderly, those who are pregnant and those seeking employment.

Our local Public Dental Clinic is not fully staffed as the Area Health Service has difficulty attracting dentists to fill the available positions.

I am grateful for this opportunity to write to the Standing Committee on Social Issues and make a submission to this inquiry.

I would be glad to attend a hearing into this matter if it were appropriate.

Yours faithfully  
Dr Catherine Errey