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INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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Summary

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SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

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Director of Social Issues Committee

Dear Director

I'm writing to air my concern as to the unavailability of necessary dental services.

I am receiving an aged pension, and after talking to friends many of us would be happy if would pay a certain amount of money to receive treatment as total payment ~~are~~ ^{is} far above our means.

If we receive a voucher very few dentists will accept them and often we have to travel quite a distance to those who will. I would would like to go to a dentist of my own choosing & pay the difference between the amount of the voucher & the dentist's usual fee.

I have a disease called Sjogrens Syndrome which has caused my saliva to dry up hence my teeth are cracked & decayed. I am concerned about what this is doing to my general health. My tongue is constantly being cut on my broken teeth. I have only ten ~~teeth~~ teeth left so maybe they need to be extracted & I be fitted with a lower denture, I would like to know what is the best thing to do.

Thankyou for considering the concerns listed above

Yours sincerely

Lorraine Barnes (Mrs)