

INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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To whom it may concern

As a working dental professional, I have been worried about the degrading state of dental health, service and education and actions of the Upper House Inquiry into this neglected area of health care.

I am in contact with many people who suffer significant dental pain caused by poor dental health and am greatly upset by the lack of adequate services to relieve their pain and restore their lives to normal functions.

Decayed teeth are not only painful, but can also prevent consumption of a normal diet essential for life. We are living in society where appearance is considered highly important and badly decayed teeth can cause great psychological pain for many as well as low self esteem. Poor dental health and lack of dental services are making our community sicker in more ways than one.

The extent of untreated dental disease is increasing every day and this is due to lack of sufficient training positions for dentists, dental therapists, hygienists, technicians and prosthetists.

It greatly concerns me that despite the fact that there are many young people who would love to enter these professions and serve community needs but necessary training positions have not been created.

Finally, I hope that the current inquiry results in positive action where adequate dental health, services and education for NSW are available and adequately financed.

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