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## INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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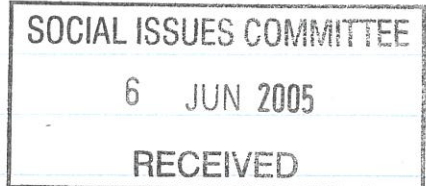
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**Summary**

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Hans Zolner,  
Standing Committee  
Dental Care - Social Services  
Legislative Council.



Dear Mr. Zolner,

I listened with interest to Alan Jones 29B this morning, regarding the lack of adequate Dental Health Services available for those who don't have health Insurance, and are on lower income.

I desperately need right now (if I am not to lose a tooth) a tooth filled. Probably root canal work. The tooth is one of four remaining natural bottom teeth - the end one that holds a partial plate hook. I am reluctant to lose these four natural teeth, because I don't want a full lower denture. I really need a new Upper Denture, because the old one I am wearing is out of alignment with my jaw and bite. I don't have health Insurance.

Right now, it is near impossible to even get an appointment with Dental Hospital - and then, they usually elect to extract the tooth, which I don't want.

I agree that decayed teeth can have an adverse effect on ones overall health. I don't know whether the Govt. can create a new bill for Govt. legislation, whereby those who are not in a position to pay, ie: those on Pension & low income, the exorbitant

Costs of dental care, can pay out of their pension (just like the discount for phone and Electricity) - Some sort of Insurance - Specifically for dental care, which could be automatically deducted, giving a wide margin of people, access to Dental care.

I obtained a quote recently, and it was over the roof! And, you can't pay a Dentist off, they need it in full on completion of the work.

(Quite unlike Kircumber Vet, who has trusted me and of whom I've never let down, in that you can pay a Vet bill off - making things easier.)

Hope you can help me,

Yours sincerely

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