

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition is from Pauline Bennett and supporters.

Draws to the attention of the House: National Health Act 1953 - From August, 2015 Sensipar has been scheduled for removal from the PBS List. This drug has been on the PBS listing since 2007. It is a life saving drug for skeletal and bodily bone formation preventing dangerous chemical and physiological imbalances. If kidney failure patients don't have this drug their bodies are at risk of being sub-normal and deprived of 1st World drug treatment. A Sensipar prescription will cost \$1,000 per month if taken off the list. Why would a critical drug be denied only to increase the health marginalization of renal failure patients? Day to day management of an "incurable" disease is now exposed to an increased physical deterioration, which will only cost the Government more in the long run. How is it, that drugs like, Metoprotol, Methadone, Morphine, Oxycodone, Paracetamol commonly prescribed drugs to the "masses", remain on the PBS list? Why should renal failure patients be forced into sub-standard bone maintenance treatments, only looking forward to a greater perverse physical deterioration? As well, Nephrologists are willingly pushing patients into surgery to remove Parathyroid Glands, using the highest cost option of hospitalisation and surgery to "band aid" a problem that will not solve the problem of bone deterioration. There are no superior drugs available to treat the above physical and psychological issues.

We therefore ask the House to: Restore Sensipar to the PBS Drug Listing