

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the local community of Miranda and the residents of surrounding suburbs draws to the attention of the House that this community, in particular those receiving care at Miranda Medical Centre, 573 Kingsway, Miranda, NSW, 2228, during evenings and on weekends, is left without reasonable access to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits by an approved pharmacist due to an unintended consequence of the application of the pharmacy location rules.

Miranda Medical Centre is open Monday to Friday 8am-10pm and 8am-7pm on Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays and services the community with 14 full-time equivalent Medical Practitioners approved to prescribe PBS medicines. This unintended consequence of the application of the pharmacy location rules leaves the local community of Miranda and the residents of surrounding suburbs without reasonable access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) services and prescriptions dispensed by a pharmacy, approved under section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953*, in the medical centre.

We therefore ask the House to remedy this lack of reasonable access to pharmaceutical benefits for this community by requesting the Minister for Health to exercise the Discretionary Power to approve the proposed pharmacy at Suite 1, Ground Floor, 573 Kingsway, Miranda, NSW, 2228.