

To whom it may concern.

I operate a small private practice as a psychologist. Since the introduction of the Better Access plan for community members requiring psychological assistance I have been able to provide my services to groups of indigenous and other individuals who would not otherwise be able to access the professional skill provided by a psychologist. More often these marginalized groups have to wait for extended periods to consult with a community based psychologist. The Better Access initiative, where patients are able to access a community based psychologist in a 7-10 day period for twelve sessions, has evidenced to me better management of acute problems and a reduction or prevention of otherwise escalating symptoms.

Consequently a reduction of the available sessions in a twelve month period from 12 to 10 sessions will further marginalize patients and potentially increase the problems that mental health issues has on our national community.

Yours sincerely

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