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To the Senate Inquiry – Re Doctor Peter Tisdall

I write this in support of the unfairness done to Dr Peter Tisdall and the grief it caused at the time to Dr Tisdall & ourselves, in his not being able practice, during the prolonged investigations.

Also to the current predicament we are currently in, in not being able to attend a Doctor in the town we live in, Kyabram. [approx 7,000 people]

The Doctors in Kyabram have openly stated, they cannot accept any of Dr Tisdall's patients.

My wife & I now have to drive to Echuca, [some 50/60 kilometers away] so we can attend a Doctor and **we both now have life threatening illnesses.**

[No public transport available]

**My name is Bert Smith, born 1927 [now 84 years old]
My wife, Hazel Dawn Smith born 1930 [now 81 years old]**

We have been long time patients of Dr Tisdall, both before he was prevented from practicing & immediately after he was allowed to resume his practice.

Like all of his patients, we are still mourning his death.

Never once, did Dr Tisdall refuse to see us or come to our home.
My baby daughter suffered convulsions back in 1967, **on a Sunday**,
Dr Tisdall was at our home within minutes. He was always reassuring.

We have had need to visit him, reasonably often during our lives, from serious accidents to getting "flu injections".

Again on a Sunday, my wife suffered a major heart attack. Dr Tisdall attended her in the hospital and was able to get her in an air ambulance to Melbourne within hours.

Dr Tisdall had the ability to treat us and very much so with respect to us, or get us to the right Specialists. [no matter the day/time/place]

This Doctor cared so much, he phoned me from China, whilst on his holiday, to check that one on my cancer treatments went OK.

The World would be a much better place if it had more Dr Tisdalls, rather than those who chose to harass him. **Not one of those "do-gooders" asked to speak to me during their investigations, maybe because they only believe in working 9am to 5pm, five days a week and ridicule anyone choosing to work more.**

Regards,

Bert Smith