

Community Affairs, Committee (SEN)

## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY REBATES UNDER MEDICARE

Dear Senator,

I would like to add my support for the ongoing Medicare rebates offered to our Clinical Psychology patients.

I support a two tier approach to Psychology services, recognising that Clinical Psychology services are specialist services to the public. We are able to offer evidence based assessment and therapy individually designed to meet the therapy needs of people with mental health problems. Our specialised training at a post graduate level enables us to competently manage severe mental health problems. There is a huge need in the community for not only psychology services, but particularly Clinical Psychology services, catering to the Moderate to Severe mental health patient. In regional and rural areas, this need is more obvious.

I would urge you to maintain Medicare rebates for Clinical psychology services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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