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Dear Committee,

**RE: COMMONWEALTH FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES**

I am a Counseling Psychologist and have worked in private practice for about 15 years. The current two-tiered Medicare rebate system does not reflect the reality of what happens in practice. The distinction that is being made between Clinical and Counselling Psychologists is unhelpful and has created a serious division in a profession that has so much to offer.

The profession of psychology cannot move forward in a productive and harmonious manner in my view whilst the current two-tiered system is in place. There is something dramatically disturbing that providers of mental health are currently so divided about this issue. The majority of psychologists who deliver good quality care were never consulted about the rebate system that has been imposed.

If you would like to speak to me directly or visit my practice to see how things work practically and realistically I would like to extend an invitation to you all.

Yours sincerely

Therese Barry