

**From:**  
**To:** [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** submission to Health Insurance Amendment safety Changes  
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Dear Secretary,

I am writing in my role on the Executive team for the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Association of Australasia. We are very concerned about the current changes being proposed for the Medicare safety net for the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

All of our members are highly qualified psychotherapists and many of our members treat patients, who suffer from serious mental illness such as clinical depression, borderline personality disorders and severe and complex post traumatic stress disorder. Although we are a multidisciplinary group of mental health professionals, a number of our members are psychiatrists.

There is increasing evidence, which we would be happy to send to yourselves for the place of psychoanalytic treatment, for conditions which other interventions have been unsuccessful.

It is our concern that the changes proposed will discriminate against a vulnerable group of people accessing intensive psychotherapy services.

We would be happy to be in further discussions with the committee and send some further evidence of international research to assist in thinking about these matters.

With thanks

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