



Date: 4th August, 2011

Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee

Dear Committee:

I write to you regarding the proposed cuts to both the number of clinical psychology rebateable sessions from 10 to 12 as well as cutting the rebateable amount for each session. These cuts will have a negative impact on many people with poor mental health who rely on the specialist services of clinical psychologists to help manage their conditions. It is my belief that by cutting sessions and rebateable amounts, the suffering of the people with mental illness will increase, as will the need for more acute publicly funded services, services which are already overfunded. As both a future psychologist and a recipient of services from a clinical psychologist, I strongly advise you reconsider your position in favour of helping the mental health of all Australians

Sincerely,