I have been seing a clinical Psychologist for three years now. I have chronic depression and generalised social anxiety disorder. Though I am still suffering from these ailments after three years, I have made tremendous progress. Iam now able to socialise, much more then when I first sought treatment. I was agorophbic when I first strarted treatment. Throughout those years I have also encoutered many hurdles, which I was unable to overcome without aid from my Psychologist. I would not be int he postion I am in, if it were not for the treatment I have recieved. I a m a full time student, finishing my undergraduate in Psychology, without the help of my Psychologist I would not be making such progress in my studies and my social life. My depression and anxiety would be much more debilitating then they are now if not for tyhe the treatment I recieved and still recieve. Although I have made great progress, I still need treatment to overcome stressors in my life and to improve on my condtions. If I didn't haver the rebate, for 18 sessions a year, I would not have been able to access this treatment that has been so benificial. Furthermore is the amount of thwe rebate drops, I will not be able to see my Psychologits and I fear that, without such aid things may get the better of me and I might relapse and I won't have the assistance of my Psychologist to help me pull through, and rather then continuing to progress I may find myself back where I was three years ago. I am sure that there are many people, like myself who can't access suitable help, without the aid of the medicare rebate, and if the rebate is dropoped to 10 sessions people may not get enough help- I know that 18 sessions a year have been vital to me and I could have done with more rather than less. Ihope you will take my case into consideration. Regards,