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Senate Inquiry - The availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia

I have advanced prostate cancer.

Men with prostate cancer in United States are able to be treated successfully with Zytiga or Xtandi before chemotherapy.

It is frustrating that Zytiga and Xtandi are not available in Australia on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme before chemotherapy.

Instead of getting best practice treatment, I will have to undergo chemotherapy with its harsh side effects before I can get access to Zytiga and Xtandi on Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Regards

signed by email

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