

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the local community of Merriwa/Butler/Ridgewood/Quinns Rocks and the residents of surrounding suburbs draws to the attention of the House that this community does not have reasonable access to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits by an approved pharmacist. Brighton Beach Pharmacy which is located at the Brighton Beach Medical and Professional Centre, Merriwa has operated as a non-PBS pharmacy since September 2010 and has cared for this community despite not being able to provide medicines which are subsidised by the Commonwealth Government. A Section 90 approval has been denied to this pharmacy due to the current pharmacy location rules criteria.

We therefore ask the House to give Merriwa/Butler/Ridgewood/Quinns Rocks reasonable access to the supply of pharmaceutical benefits by requesting that the Minister for Health exercise Ministerial Discretion so as to provide a Section 90 approval to Brighton Beach Pharmacy, Merriwa.