



Submission No. 042

(Dental Services)

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Dear Sir / Madam

I have had chronic diseases for years, am 44 and have been walking around with several front teeth missing and a heap of lower ones for a few years. I have Diabetes and riddled with Osteoarthritis. The Diabetes has ruined my gums and teeth. I never knew about the dental scheme as my Dr didn't inform me. I was told by a friend a month before the service was cancelled. Excitedly I made an appointment to see my Dr and she had left the practice. I was unable to get an appointment in time and now have been told the dental scheme has been scrapped.

I need to have my teeth removed, what few I have left, I am in constant pain with them but can't afford to pay a dentist to remove them. I am in constant agony. The scheme was like a godsend to me. I walk around looking like a circus freak. This is not your fault I know, but I need help and now it's been scrapped I am devastated. I was so happy when I found out about it. Imagine living with chronic toothache and riddled with arthritis every single day. Then you are told some of your pain could be alleviated then, as soon as I am told, it is scrapped 😞 Please I am begging you to bring it back. I am at the point where I don't want to live anymore if I can't get my mouth fixed.

If I could afford to pay I would, the cost of living and being on a disability pension stops me from that. I am sick of people staring and pointing at me, I cry every day because of this. Then to be told I could have them removed and get dentures made me so happy. Please
Please bring it back.

Warm Regards Lynne Ford