



Submission No. 041

(Dental Services)

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Hi My name is Sally and I received the dental health plan when it was up and running and now am in desperate need of this again. I have suffered from anorexia for the past 28years and never anticipated that it would result in my losing most of my teeth which now leaves me five up top. I am in need of having two of them pulled and a denture so that I can at least feel more normal. It is difficult trying to emotionally cope with the loss of my teeth and not being able to afford private dental care. I am in chronic pain because of my teeth and am on a two year waiting list for public dental care but by that stage I don't know what will happen.

It makes me sad to hear that the plan has been stopped because of those with money decided to take advantage of the plan and people like me on a disability pension have to suffer as a result. It should have been means tested in the beginning but I guess trial and error is the way you work out what is best.

I am just one voice of many no doubt and am in a real need to have this dental plan reinstated again so that I can have my teeth fixed up.

Thanks for listening

Look forward in hearing from you

Sally