

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

The petition of the undersigned certain citizens of Australia:

Draws to the attention of the House that in 2011 4,300 Australians will suffer a lower limb amputation due to diabetes related causes adding to the over \$612 million in Australian healthcare costs due to diabetes foot complications. We believe Australian and overseas evidence shows that properly funded podiatry-led foot health care for Australians suffering diabetes-related lower limb problems could avoid over 3,000 of these amputations saving the health system over \$300 million per annum.

We therefore ask the House to support any new legislation, or proposed amendments to existing legislation, or administrative arrangements, that would have the effect of ensuring access to at least 12 Medicare funded allied health visits per annum for Australians with diabetes-related lower limb problems.