

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

This petition of the local community of Wattle Grove/Holsworthy 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. Chen's Pharmacy which is located in Wattle Grove Shopping Village has operated as a non-PBS pharmacy since February 1998 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 Wattle Grove/Holsworthy 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 Chen's Pharmacy, Wattle Grove.