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Australian Senate
Community Affairs
Reference Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Cancer Inquiry

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry.

How we feel reflects how our body works — not in the manner, by which a mirror throws back a likeness, but in a different sense, as in the way an ancient tree's rings score the ages. Our neurological, endocrine, immunological, etc., function catches, and at the same time, casts, our being well or ill. Hence, the wholistic approach to health and disease, including cancer and its cure, rests on the elemental premise that healing integrates physiology and emotions. Here, empathy, emotional support, the growth of worthy trust, good faith and unprejudiced understanding, the aptitude to learn to be candid, as well as insightful of others, without misrepresentation, the skill to face hurt in a process so as to curb grief for one and all, the humility to resolve corruption, and the ease and contentment that are byproducts of life well lived, complement the physical sciences of medicine.

Over the years, the Cawler Foundation has helped to pioneer the wholistic approach for cancer patients in Australia, and for their carers, and any government backing for the Foundation's programs and research would be invaluable.

Sincerely,
Fischumsky.