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To The Secretary,

Dear Sir.

Please accept my submission on Medicare. I wish to express the following points of view.

1. Illness or accident ~~can~~ come to rich + poor alike + Medicare should cover everyone equally.
2. I believe the principle that medical services should be available to all Australians on a needs basis.
3. I note the strong community support for Medicare, universally to all Australians regardless of race colour or creed.
4. I am concerned at the decline in bulk billing in the Geelong region + throughout the nation.
5. I reject the notion to destroy the universality of Medicare by creating a two tier user pays system where it will cost more to visit the doctor.
6. I find it unfair to develop Medicare as a second class safety net where bulk billing is only available to pensioners + card holders.
7. I support to restore bulk billing as the central feature of Medicare + the adequate funding of public hospitals.
8. I shall assist the Geelong "Save Medicare Committee" to develop a public awareness campaign as to Medicare future under the present Howard Government.

Yours faithfully, J.D. Potts