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Mr. Elton Humphrey,
The Committee Secretary,
Senate Select Committee on Medicare
Parliament House,
CANBERRA ACT 2600
(cc. All Committee Members)

Dear Mr. Humphrey,

I have forwarded a complete copy
of the Federal Health Dept's submission to the
Senate Select Committee on Medicare.

If this submission is as bad as
it has been painted by the Medical Observer (25/7/03)
article enclosed, then it is surely the most breath-
takingly arrogant & outrageously cynical paper ever
written by a Federal "Public Service" Dept.

Please ensure that the authors of
the submission are specifically identified.

Prime Minister Howard has been
quoted on talkback radio (when the mega-profits
of banks were questioned) as saying "it is in the
national interest to have profitable banks".

— But not profitable GPs?!!

Some time ago, Howard stated he
"cherished" Australia's GPs. From the F.H.D.
submission it seems that this (like his
"non-core election promises") was a non-core
cherishment.

Thanking you, in anticipation,

Sincerely,

Michael Pietryk