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Senator Ursula Stephens c/o Senate select committee P.O.Box 1112 Goulbourn 2580.



The current health system in Australia has several major faults:

The Doctors encouraged to set their own fees from taxpayers funds in the guise of private business.

The doctors then demand a CO-payment directly from the taxpayers because the Government will not pay.

The Government has no money in its own right only taxpayers funds, therefore the doctors are double dipping on the taxpayer.

When do Doctors become employees of the taxpayer or Government of the day?

If any other multi-billion dollar group tried these tactics they would be in court, gaol or fined.

The present Federal Government has coined a statement that user pays. How many times does the taxpayer pay?. Public Health systems are the life of all Health private and public. Without a strong public Health system the Private sector will fail. The general practice doctors are too few for too many patients and financially disadvantaged.

The student numbers are much less than trends suggest in the short term, a plan for short to medium term could be to import fully trained doctors. Put these doctors on contract with conditions that must be adhered to.

All public Hospitals should have outpatients clinics for general patients and specialists. The clinics to be well staffed, open extended hours and dispensary services. Hope the enclosed is of use to the committee.

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