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# PETITION SUBMISSION

his petition is signed by more than 2500 grassroots doctors after a four-week campaign run in the pages of *Australian Doctor*. We are calling on the Federal Government to rethink its controversial co-payment plan. The plan — in its current form — threatens the healthcare of some of your most vulnerable constituents. Our campaign is also making a wider call — a call on you, as our elective representatives — to recognise the fundamental importance of general practice to the future health of this country.

In the following pages you will read

about the contribution GPs make to the lives of people in your communities, helping them through family crises, illness, emotional trauma, even through the months before they die. You will read the statistics showing the difference GPs make. It is our hope this document will give you a glimpse into the real world of general practice.

We urge you to read the petition and are keen to hear your reaction. Please email, mail@australiandoctor.com

Yours, Australian Doctor magazine

# THE PETITION

# Dear Prime Minister, Ministers and Federal MPs

THIS petition demands an end to the co-payment plan and the move to cut Medicare support for patients needing GP care. It is a call on you to understand what is at risk by the continued attempt to target general practice funding.

Whether the better-off should pay a \$7 fee to see their GP is an issue to be debated. But this current reform threatens the health of your constituents — your constituents spending the final years of their lives in nursing homes, those living with serious mental health problems, those at the margins and those families just hit by bad luck.

Put simply, from July 2015 it will become economically unviable for us to continue to bulk-bill concession card holders or children. Under the government's proposal, waiving the co-payments for these patients will trigger a reduction in Medicare funding of up to 25% for their care.

As GPs, we cannot absorb such losses and continue to offer the care your communities demand. Over the years, much lip service has been paid but too little action given to supporting general practice. For some time now, we have been witnessing the infliction of a slow death on the one part of the health system that has the most to give.

To prevent illness, to care for those struck by sickness, to protect patients from the often avoidable misery and expense of hospitals — Australia relies on our clinical skills and care. And yet we fight against constant financial pressures to dilute clinical care, to practise medicine on the cheap.

Rebates for patients have never kept pace with rising costs or been indexed to inflation. Last year, MBS rebates for GP care were frozen. Although the fact is not widely known, Medicare fails to cover the real costs of items as basic as wound dressings or point-of-care INR testing. The government has come for general practice again.

With the enormous burden of diseases like diabetes and dementia, patients need the full scope of our clinical skills and expertise. Governments need to support those same skills and expertise to contain the billions they are spending on high-cost hospital and specialist treatment in an overcrowded system plagued by long waits.

General practice lies at the heart of the health system. We care for over a quarter of a million Australians every day in communities across the country.

# WE URGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO:

- Halt the government's co-payment plan.
- Reverse the planned \$5 reduction in Medicare rebates for GP consultations.
- End the erosion in the value of Medicare rebates by introducing proper indexation.
- Launch a formal review of the MBS to examine whether it ensures the financial viability of high-quality general practice.



# To see full details of this petition visit www.gpsmakethedifference.com.au

# WHAT GPs HAD TO SAY

# FEARFUL FOR MY AGED CARE PATIENTS

# **DR MARY BARSON – BELLBRAE, VIC**

Tam a GP registrar in rural Victoria. I regularly visit up to 20 nursing home patients in a rural aged care facility.

Through regular visits, I am able to manage the chronic health issues of these vulnerable people, and help keep them in their home and out of the hospital, saving Australian taxpayers thousands and thousands of dollars.

I am also able to meet the palliative care needs of my dying patients so they can die in comfort, with peace and dignity in their home without costly transfers to hospital.

A \$7 co-payment will make regular visits for some patients unaffordable. I genuinely fear that they will refuse visits, fail to have proper management of their heart failure/diabetes/chronic lung disease/urinary tract infections/etc and will end up in hospital at huge expense and inconvenience.

I am furious at the short-sighted nature of these proposed reforms. It is false economy at its most heartless.

# THE WOMAN FROM THE **REFUGE AND HER CHILDREN**

# **DR KATIE PULLINGER – KINGSTON, TAS**

here are many stories that could be told, but I'll tell this one. My patient was a mum in her 30s with two little kids. She was poorly educated, nervous, respectful. The three of them were living in a women's refuge for the usual reasons. They came in every few weeks: asthma, kids' colds, anxiety.

One day, as they were leaving, the mum said to the children: "We're going to the chemist now." And the kids beamed and said with obvious delight, "The chemist! Will we be able to get some water and one of those mints Mum?" The mum smiled and said yes, and gave me this look that I have always remembered.

See, at the chemist there is a free water dispenser and a little bowl of free mints. The look the mum gave me showed the delight that every mother feels in seeing her children happy. But she was also sad that

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these freebies meant so much to her kids, and embarrassed because now I knew too.

Seven dollars mightn't seem that much to people whose kids get to go out for milkshakes but if this mum had to pay \$7, her kids wouldn't miss out on a trip to a cafe. They would simply miss out on coming to the doctor, on their vaccinations, on their antibiotics, on their asthma puffers. They'd miss out on contact with me and the practice nurse and the reception staff - with a whole set of friendly adults who spoke to their mum respectfully and helped show them that grown ups can be kind.

# **DUTY FIRST**

# **DR MICHAEL MOLTON – ADELAIDE, SA**

ost doctors think of duty of care first and money second. Other-Mwise we would all be doing something else. We undervalue our worth and we feel compassion for those who appear to need it.

That compassion leads us to work relentlessly. For years, we have sacrificed ourselves. We are our own worst enemies.

A \$7 co-payment may be the last straw — I don't know, no one does.

# **POOR WILL BE HIT HARDEST**

# **DR ANTHONY HODGE – HOBART, TAS**

Whilst the co-payment idea is laudable to stop the bulk-billing of working patients with no stop working patients with no concession cards, it is going to hit the mentally ill, the poor and the unemployed the hardest.

My patients are already worrying about the \$7 and I am asked daily about the need to pay it. Most of my patients think it has started already.

In Tasmania - the state with one of the highest unemployment levels and most disadvantaged populations - if I don't charge the copayment I will lose \$14 a consult for 85% of my patients.

Who can afford this and a 20% drop in consultations? I currently visit a large number of nursing home residents and a few patients who are dying and house-bound. I cannot see how to collect the copayment from them very easily.

# **HEALTH COSTS BLOWING OUT?**

— just \$304

Public hospitals **NOT FOR GP CARE** The amount of money \$1500 governments are spending on GP care for each Australian has remained virtually \$1000 unchanged for six years \$500 The real cost explosion has been General practice in hospitals. Spending per person in a public hospital increased 18.5% over 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10 2010/11 2006/07 2011/12 the same period

WHAT GOVERNMENTS SPEND PER PERSON — 2006/07 TO 2011/12

Source: Productivity Commission 2014



Does the government want to stop us visiting the elderly and infirm? Please modify the co-payment plan and restore the cut in Medicare rebates.

# LIFE-SAVING CONSULTS WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE

# DR RICHARD WALUKL – ST KILDA EAST, VIC

This 66-year-old pensioner came and asked: "Are you already charging \$7 for the visit?" My receptionist answered: "Not yet — it will start in July next year"

He said: "Oh good, because I just wanted to quickly check with the doc if I should worry about this little headache I had since the morning."

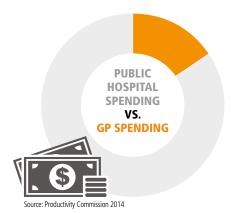
He came into consultation room and said: "Doc, I wouldn't trouble you by my headache because it is really mild but my missus insisted and you know, 'specially as it costs nothing, it is better to be reassured."

I checked him and his BP was 200/150 with slow pulse 68/min. The pain was radiating down his occiput and he had papilloedema.

I gave him medication to lower blood pressure and called the ambulance, which took him to hospital.

On his discharge was written that he suddenly collapsed in Emergency Department, was resuscitated and then underwent successful emergency neurosurgery for subarachnoid haemorrhage. His life was saved.

I am 100  $\,\%$  sure that if co-payment was already applicable, he would have gone home and died.



Total spending by Australian governments on **PUBLIC HOSPITALS** in 2012/13 was

# \$40.4 billion

Total spending by Australian governments on **GPs** in 2012/13 was



# FEWER PATIENTS TURNING UP ALREADY

# **KUMAR – BIGGERA WATERS, QLD**

It's a bulk-billed surgery where I work and since the co-payment in the news, I've noticed less patients in my practice as compared with the previous week.

# A FURTHER BLOW TO AGED CARE

### **DR NATASHA AYLEN – HASTINGS, VIC**

As a GP working solely in aged care, my practice will be markedly affected. Bulk-billing nursing home residents is not only convenient, but caring for the residents and families dealing with the increasing costs of care.

As I do not have private clinic patients to offset this decision, my practice will make 24% less if these changes occur. What a way to penalise a vital service for an ever increasing part of our healthcare system.

GPs will be even less interested in attending aged care facilities with such a change to such a vulnerable part of our community.

# I'M LOOK AT A 20% PAY CUT

# "ANARCHIST GP" – BUNDABERG, QLD

Employees working in surgery will have salary slashed. One patient Esaid that they will not come to see the doctor until they think it is very urgent or serious.

My colleagues told me that there will be a 20% reduction in earnings. It means either I have to change my speciality or work on a fixed salary in a hospital or surgery.

# **MY PATIENT FRANK**

# **PROFESSOR SIMON WILLCOCK – SYDNEY**

My journey with Frank is now on its final leg. He is well into his 86th year, and the cancer that declared itself last year will inevitably end his life. My role as Frank's GP? He had an illness. I diagnosed and managed it. But of course, this account, while true, misses out so much.

It misses out what makes general practice special, the element that the politicians, the policy advisors and the opinion leaders often struggle to see and, therefore, truly value.

We first met more than 30 years ago. He was one of my first patients as a new rural GP — a pharmacist whose fitness and young family belied his 50 years. It turned out he was also a neighbour and between us, we had four young sons. His robust health made him an easy patient, although one of his sons had a series of illnesses that resulted in an ongoing professional relationship with the entire family.

Our roles as health providers also meant regular contact, as did our affiliations with various community organisations that provided balance between our personal and professional lives.

When my daughter arrived some years later, Frank and his wife were a natural choice as godparents.

It wasn't until my family returned to Sydney after a decade in the country that Frank's health problems started to accumulate. Like many men, he was reluctant to find a new doctor, so we phone-conferenced, and organised investigations and consultations for various orthopaedic problems, the legacy of sporting injuries from a younger life.

One morning, Frank's wife called to tell me that he had "woken up with blood blisters in his mouth" but had nevertheless gone to work. I phoned him at the pharmacy and told him to get an urgent platelet count, which was drastically low and earned him several weeks in the regional hospital while his idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura was investigated and managed.

I chastised us both for not getting him linked to a more accessible GP — my 'astuteness' was equal parts clinical suspicion and blind luck, and a timely reminder of the difficulty of long-distance medical relationships. A new, local GP was incorporated into Frank's life, with excellent results.

Eventually, Frank and his wife retired to Sydney. Frank was once again my patient, but now the predictable manifestations of age were appearing.

We navigated further surgery, a pacemaker and a mysterious vasculitis that caused painful leg ulcers. Serial specialists provided confident diagnoses and management plans, but subsequently declared that this was an "unusual case" as the ulcers persevered. Eventually, we patched

AVERAGE COSTS FOR CARE: GP VS HOSPITAL		
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	GP MBS	<b>HOSPITAL COST</b>
Antenatal care	\$47	\$223
Sexual health	\$70	\$253
Venesection	\$73	\$438
Skin biopsy	\$63	\$289
Wound management	\$36	\$162
Source: RACGP 2014		

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together a treatment regimen based on observation, experience, and trial and error — an empirical experiment in the best tradition of Sir William Osler, the so-called 'father of modern medicine'. The ulcers have not bothered Frank since.

Then last year, Frank turned yellow. I tried to blame the antibiotics, but in my heart I knew the investigations would likely reveal a more sinister cause.

The past few months have seen an inexorable decline in Frank's health, palliated by the care of an oncology team who have avoided aggressive attempts to add months of life at the cost of comfort.

What I have written so far accords with usual clinical practice. But it fails to recognise the complexity of the doctor-patient relationship and what I have gained from the relationship personally: the wisdom of a professional colleague, the support when I was facing difficult personal choices and the insight into what it means to age with equanimity.

I also learned other important life lessons. Frank's heritage is Chinese, and even though his family has lived in Australia as long as mine, I have witnessed the casual racism that still exists in our society. I've also observed how Frank could not only deal with it, but engage the perpetrator in a way that left them a better man or woman.

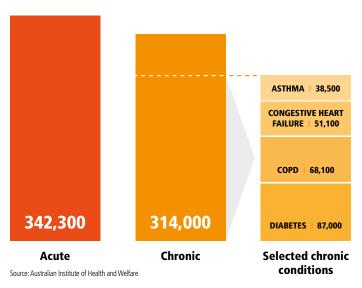
In a few weeks, Frank and I will celebrate the wedding of 'our' daughter, which is likely to be one of our last shared experiences. Osler reminded us that "the good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease".

He could have added that the best physicians learn from their patients, and walk beside them through the uncertainties of life, partners on that journey. This is one of the many specialties of general practice lost on politicians.

# WHY DO PATIENTS END UP IN HOSPITAL?

More than 672,000 hospital admissions in Australia could be avoided each year if the patient had access to high quality non-hospital care.

# POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE HOSPITALISATIONS (2011/12)



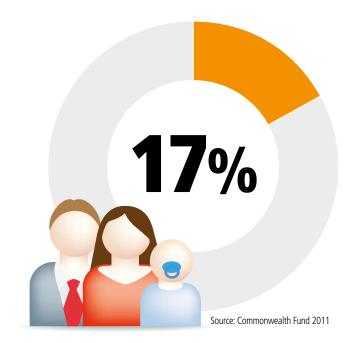
# SAVING LIVES —AND MONEY

# DR JUSTIN COLEMAN - NT AND QLD

Imagine yourself in charge of Australia's health budget — heaven forbid.

On your desk are two cash-filled buckets, marked 'primary care' and 'specialist/hospital care'. Your job is to remove some money from one or the other bucket, to be spent elsewhere.

You turn to the best available evidence - a novel approach, not



# In Australia, 17% of patients in poor health said they had a medical problem but did not see a doctor because of cost

# without political risk.

Dr Barbara Starfield, paediatrician and president of the International Society for Equity in Health, researched this very question extensively over decades. It produced the same answer regardless of the country's economy: Don't touch the money in the primary care bucket.

Depleting primary care results in worse health outcomes for all important measures. These outcomes include mortality (all-cause, cancer, heart disease, stroke, infant), life expectancy, self-rated health, mental health, low infant birth-weight and suicide.

Not much left, really, unless you think waiting times for MRIs are equally important.

Notably, these poorer outcomes do not occur to anything like the same extent with reduced specialist care and hospital services.

We may like to think they do, but evidence suggests otherwise. In the US, for example, one fewer GP per 10,000 population is associated with a 5% reduction in measured health outcomes — in rich states and poor, in city and rural areas.

In other words, if you took one doctor's wage from the primary care bucket and tipped it into the specialist bucket, the population's health would worsen. If you 'Robin Hood' the money the other way, outcomes improve.

But what about bulging hospital waiting lists, you protest? And cardiac surgeons who save two lives before breakfast? No one would deny that specialist and tertiary care is crucial, but the fact is that a robust primary care system is even more crucial. More lives depend on it and, dollar for dollar, considerably better health outcomes are gained by it.

Ideally, you wouldn't remove any money at all, but if forced to make a choice, less harm results from leaving primary care alone.

This may be counterintuitive if your knowledge of the system is gleaned from newspaper headlines and complaint letters. Adding up coronary stent insertions is easy and immediate, and any bean counter can master it.

But improving the average health of entire populations is much harder to measure, which is why we invented epidemiologists.

These wonderful creatures can smooth out the inherent uncertainties of interactions with GPs and other primary care providers, and miraculously count the number of lives saved. Millions of brief interventions save thousands of lives, and prevent or relieve untold suffering, disability and mental anguish. So powerful is the measured effect, these statistics hold true even when diluted by the 'easy stuff' — the common colds and medical certificates.

Amid the daily confusion of intense, 15-minute doses of human discourse, epidemiologists reveal all the catastrophic events that never took place. The souls who cheated death in primary care cannot be named with wrist tags, but can most certainly be counted.

So what about getting the most disadvantaged to hand over the \$7 co-payment? I work in Aboriginal health, where prevention is everything. Some days, it seems half my work is nabbing unsuspecting fathers who have brought their kid in to see me, and suggesting that dad needs a health check, too.

Let's fit you in and talk about smoking, exercise, belly size. For \$7. And measure \$7 worth of cholesterol to get your CVD risk. And your child's scabies rash honestly won't go away unless we treat you and all the other little \$7s in your family. Sorry? What do you mean, "You might think about it and come back later?" Oh, you just need a certificate.

Maybe I'll be lucky. Maybe politicians will recognise that every Aboriginal health service losing \$13 every consultation is the antithesis of 'closing the gap', and they will exempt us. Maybe not.

Even if we become a unique exemption, the irony is that the gap will close even faster, because the average health of the other 97.5% of Australia will reduce. I doubt the original concept involved closing the gap at both ends.

A healthy society needs a robust primary care health system. Don't mess ours up. That's my advice — for free.



# I DIDN'T DO THIS JOB TO GET RICH

# **DR NADINE GOODMAN-NADALL – MUNGINDI, NSW**

I look after a wide range of patients in a small border town — from cotton growers with large properties to pensioners from socially, economically, financially and psychologically disadvantaged backgrounds. I love looking after all of these people. The variety makes my days interesting and each group brings their own challenges.

There is one thing they all have in common, however — in this rural area, not one of them has come to see me unnecessarily. Some drive more than 100km to come and see me, others fall in a private billing category and struggle to afford it, which means I often take the hit and bulk-bill them.

Others have lives that are so chaotic that they struggle to make it to their appointment, regardless of their billing category. None of them need a disincentive to come.

I am not in this job to become rich. I am here because I love the work. I genuinely want Australians to become healthier.

It is very frustrating to work hard towards that, and to feel the government is attempting to sabotage those attempts.

This co-payment is a bad plan in every way.

# WHO WILL HELP MY PATIENT?

# DR MICHAEL LIGHT – PERTH, WA

The majority of my work revolves around patients who are either pensioners, or are chronically unemployed. In other words, they are on fixed incomes. They are already forced to compromise on their health care — they are missing out on specialist appointments, diagnostic tests and medications because they cannot afford to pay for them. Here is just one example: I have a middle-aged female patient who is chomping at the bit to return to the work force, but cannot do so because she cannot afford to buy the medication she needs for chronic neuropathic pain.

In addition, she is suffering from depression and PTSD, and cannot afford to continue seeing her clinical psychologist as she has used up her allotted appointments on her mental health plan.

The public system cannot take her on as she is not acutely suicidal and they are overstretched as it is.

The only reason patients like these can afford to come to me is because they can be bulk-billed. To say that this population is overserviced and that they need a financial disincentive to accessing medical care is preposterous.

There are thousands of similar untold stories of the value ordinary Australians place in their GP.

# TIME FOR POLITICIANS TO VISIT A GP

# **DR JULIE MCCLELLAN – MELBOURNE, VIC**

I have always worked in clinics in low-socioeconomic areas since I became a GP in 2001. I have lost count of the times I have supported a family in crisis as they faced a significant medical issue, reviewed a seriously mentally ill patient twice weekly, or phoned a patient in my own time out of hours, all in an effort to provide quality care and to keep them out of the hospital system.

I think the politicians seriously underestimate how tough some Australian families are doing it.

Tony Abbott, Peter Dutton and Joe Hockey need to spend a week sitting in an average GP's clinic to appreciate how ill-conceived this proposal is.

They also need to come on a nursing home visit and see if they feel comfortable to ask the palliative patient or the confused, elderly lady rocking in the corner for her \$7. She would be justified to hit them with her handbag.

# **CO-PAYMENT WILL DETER MENTALLY ILL**

# DR MAHIMA ADHIKARY – CARRUM, VIC

I see a lady in her late 30s with borderline personality disorder with intellectual disability. I have been her GP for the past 11 months. Prior to seeing me she had presented to hospital via ambulance 26-27 times in the preceding year with two episodes of overdose.

When she couldn't control her anxiety and frustration, she used to go to nearby train station and sit there for hours, planning to jump in front of the train. She would be seen by PSOs and eventually taken to hospital via ambulance, assessed by a CAT team, counselled and discharged with GP follow-up.

My initial interactions with her were limited as I had no knowledge of her complex medical and social history. Now I am in touch with her case manager, case worker, psychiatry team at hospital, her father (who suffers from mental health illness) and the pharmacist.

She sees a psychologist in-house regularly and sees me every fortnight. We, at the clinic, have made sure that she gets seen if she presents with anxiety. In the last 11 months, she has presented to hospital twice.

Except for introduction of a mood stabiliser, there hasn't been many medication changes. She needs counselling and encouragement, and I must admit that is what I provide in most of my consults.

From things like her father's mental health issue to her dog's surgery,

# THE SUPPLY OF GPs HAS BEEN LINKED WITH SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER POPULATION HEALTH. THE OPPOSITE APPLIES TO THE SUPPLY OF SPECIALISTS



One more GP per 100,000 people results in a 9% decrease in mortality or 70 fewer deaths

One more specialty physician per 100,000 people was linked to a 2% increase in mortality or 15 more deaths

Source: Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine 2003



to her hair colour, to her weight issues, she discusses everything and walks out of the surgery not feeling suicidal. The first time she visited me after hearing about the co-payment, her question was, "Do I have to pay \$7 today for seeing you? I can afford that".

If the co-payment comes in, she will not be coming to see me if she feels suicidal. She will either call 000 or will be taken to hospital via ambulance if someone sees her by the train station. But what if no one notices her at the station? What if she feels so anxious that she implements?

# **JUST NUMBERS?**

There are around 10,000 hospital admissions for diabetic-related foot ulcers each year with amputation being a common outcome

However, Medicare does not cover the costs of providing wound care. A 2011 study of general practices found they lost money almost every time they provided wound care, with some wound dressings costing upwards of \$100. This is just one example of the consequences

of failing to fund the GP care patients need.

Source: Australian Family Physician 2014

GP consultations in Australia are the third-cheapest in the OECD relative to national average incomes. Source: OECD 2013

# THIS IS NOT WHY I CHOSE TO BE A GP

# **DR TARUN CHAUHAN – RIVERWOOD, NSW**

I make a difference every day to my patients by supporting their health, diagnosing their acute illness, not infrequently potentially life-threatening, and preventing future complications of their acute and chronic illness.

I do so in a highly disadvantaged area, socio-economically. I have seen patients with cellulitis on their legs advise me they will have to wait till their next pay before they can afford the antibiotics that will prevent septicaemia and land them in an expensive hospital bed.

I deal with the suicidal ideation and intent, the effects of drug and alcohol, and everything thing else that comes through the door.

The co-payment, without a doubt, will see patients not access the care they need. I had one patient who is now dead because he couldn't afford to see a urologist privately.

The only thing that will happen now is that more patients will suffer from making a decision that they cannot afford to see a GP — to a similar end. My day is not filled with coughs and colds, and I am sure this is the case with many of my colleagues. It is about coal-face compassionate care for a multitude of complex problems.

If I get it right, the patient's diabetes, ischemic heart disease, hypertension and even cancer, for example, are picked up and managed in timely manner, and I save the government in the long run. Economic rationalism has ignored this fundamental point that we are the most efficient part of the system.

I spend time with my patients and offer quality care to the most disadvantaged. To add more red tape and money-counting to my day, and take away from the health of the nation by this GP tax, is an inexcusable foray into a heartless political wasteland. This is what my patients are saying and it heralds, no doubt, a change of government if the policy is not changed.

Our finger is on the pulse and in the last few elections I could pick a

winner based on their sentiment. Does the government want to reward that we put our heart into our care or demoralise us by cutting the rebate for the sacrifices I have made, and push us to close shop and move to the affluent Eastern Suburbs and charge top dollar?

That's not why I chose to practise as a GP. Fair go, fair support and let us get on with doing what we do best - health care with compassion and heart. Co-pay - at your peril.

# **OUR INDIGENOUS CLINIC WILL HAVE TO CLOSE**

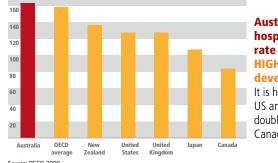
# **ELAINE GREEN – AUSTRALIND, WA**

Te see many Indigenous people because we have worked in the area for many years and built up trust. New people to the area are encouraged by their relatives to see us, and many of these have not accessed health services in their own areas for many years.

We have a policy that we see the Indigenous as walk-ins and also always bulk-bill. We do what we can to ensure their access to free or subsidised medicines and treatments. If this co-payment comes in, then their access to healthcare is reduced to nothing as they have to travel for care to the nearby city.

I am sure that this will impact heavily on the health of our local people. We will probably continue to bulk-bill the Indigenous, the mentally ill, the disabled and the elderly. This will put us over the line financially more than we can sustain any more, and we are planning our exit.

### **HOSPITAL DISCHARGES PER 1000 POPULATION (2007)**



Australia's hospitalisation rate is among the **HIGHEST** in the developed world. It is higher than the US and the UK, and double the rate of Canada

Source: OECD 2009

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# THE STRESS AND THE **HEARTACHE WILL BE TOO MUCH**

### **DANIELLE – CLARKSON, WA**

am a GP in an outer metropolitan area of socioeconomic disadvantage. My patients include Aboriginal people, refugees, the unemployed, single parents, and the ordinary Aussies who struggle to make ends meet even when they are working (Perth is now an incredibly expensive place to live). We have a large seniors cohort as well, due to the retirement village nearby.

Although our practice is nominally mixed-billing, we bulk-bill pensioners, healthcare card holders, and children, and this makes up the bulk of our patient base. I can't remember the last time I privately billed someone. It wasn't today, it wasn't even in the last week.

Frequently my patients go days without picking up their \$5.90 prescriptions until their next pay cheque or Centrelink payment comes in as they are so stretched. Many of these patients have serious chronic diseases and their inability to comply with their medication affects their health.

Having to charge a co-payment means that these patients simply will not be able to afford to attend and their health will suffer. The practice cannot sustain the costs involved in waiving it, so we don't have a real choice in the matter (despite the government insisting we do — it is simply not an option if we want to remain a viable business). I already make less than my specialist colleagues and my GP colleagues in private practices, but I don't mind because I love my job.

The idea that I will have to face my patients and charge them \$7 when I know they can't afford shoes and have no place to sleep, is already making me question whether general practice is a sustainable

career choice. The stress and the heartache will be too much for me to bear as a compassionate human being.

I know what — we need more GPs, why don't we make it an even more unattractive and stressful job and push people more and more towards 6-minute medicine? That sounds like a good idea. Of all the cuts they could make to Medicare (and there are areas that could be trimmed, I agree), primary care is not the place!



# **CORPORATES AVOID MY PATIENTS**

# **DR JOE ABADIA – SEATON, SA**

As a GP specialising in men's health, I see mainly older men with multiple problems — prostate cancer, hypogonadism, diabetes, obesity, depression and other mental health issues, COPD, OSA, hypertension, hyercholesterolaemia, etc.

As I write this I reviewed the patients I saw today. All had at least six of the above problems. They are the patients that corporate clinics hate and push out as they are far too time-consuming.

So the more caring of us, those willing to make much less money by spending time and properly treating these men, are lumbered with the complex patients. Every patient took over 40 minutes today, and all but three were bulk-billed.

That's about \$140 per hour. After overheads, you can do the maths. Quality GP work (29 years' experience) for about \$40 per hour to the solo GP. If this cut comes in, I will seriously consider letting all these men down, and join a corporate, see 10 an hour, practise rubbish medicine, and make an income more realistic of the sacrifices and training we put in.

The health of the patients will suffer, suicide will increase, absenteeism, domestic violence, early deaths, late diagnosis, etc, will all flourish and abound. And preventive medicine? Forget that, no time, so the rate of chronic disease will rise even more quickly. There is a limit to what sacrifices we will make for patient care, and this limit has been reached by this GP

# NURSING HOME VISITS NOT VIABLE

# **DR IAN WILLIAMS – BRISBANE, QLD**

I am very concerned about the reduction in Medicare rebate for nursing home consultations. Our practice has many nursing home patients and we visit residential aged care facilities at least twice a week.

Currently we bulk-bill these people, but with the reduced Medicare rebate and the loss of the bulk-billing incentive, if we do not charge the \$7.00 co-payment per visit, I am not sure how we can continue to deliver the service.

If we do not charge the \$7.00 co-payment, there will be a reduction to our income of \$13.00 per visit. Cost recovery will be difficult, but I am sure residents' families — if they have a family — will query the frequency of visits.

Currently we attempt to see everyone at least once a quarter — but if unwell they are seen more frequently, and that will be the difficulty. How do we get money from the terminally ill each visit? If anyone has worked this out, I would be pleased to know.

# **IT'S CRUEL, CALLOUS AND UNAUSTRALIAN**

**DR MALCOLM CLARK – HAWTHORN, VIC** 

8 I AUSTRALIAN DOCTOR STOP THE CO-PAY CUTS PETITION

Our practice has a special interest in elder care. We (me and one of colleagues) look after over 150 residents in SRS and nursing home accommodation. Demand for GPs to care for these people is increasing, yet all the facilities struggle to attract GPs.

It's not glamorous work. There are a lot of telephone calls from relatives, and nurses and carers, out-of-hours call-outs, and fewer and fewer resources being made available.

Resources to care for — with dignity — those Australians who built this country, bravely put themselves forward to serve Australia, fought for our freedom, and lost husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and their mates in World War 2.

Some have the resources to pay the \$7 surcharge, some do not. Yet we are asking them to pay again, after they have given so much!

I am not against charging \$7 for those who can afford it, but am I supposed to walk around in the nursing homes, with a cash machine, and help my residents swipe their cash card so I can make an extra \$2, so I don't have to take a \$5 pay cut, on top of the lost incentive payment which helped make this work more viable?

It's undignified and degrading for the resident and GP. I can understand that we need to control costs in our health care system, but why are we going after people who are frail, cognitively impaired, and often on a full pension, with little left after paying the extra costs needed for them to be cared for at the end of their lives. It's cruel, callous and unAustralian!

# Could the vast hospital budget be better spent elsewhere?

**YES** — it has been estimated that 30% of a developed country's healthcare budget is spent on care in the last year of life, funds mainly consumed by hospital costs

Source: Archives of Internal Medicine 2002

# I AM CLOSE TO BURNING OUT

# **DR DAMYANTI NAIDU – PEAKHILL, NSW**

I have a solo practice and my nearest regional referral hospital is 45 minutes away. I work in my practice and also am the VMO to the local hospital running an emergency department.

I am on-call 12 days out of 14 days, which means I spend significant time working after hours. I serve a large percent of indigenous population, pensioners and unemployed.

I have opted to bulk-bill in order to provide care to the financially disadvantaged population so there is less presentation after hours.

If I charge all these groups a co-payment, they will not be able to pay, hence the turnout at the hospital after hours will be significant and presentations will be worse as patients will present later.

I will definitely have to close the practice and relocate as I will be burnt out. I am already exhausted from being on-call 12 days out of

# 14 day, and at night.

Since I started at this practice five years ago, with the help of a nurse I have made a significant difference in reducing the number of acute presentations at the local hospital, effectively reducing the burden on the public health system

# PATIENTS ALREADY STEERING CLEAR

# DR RASAMAK AMINI – FRANKSTON, VIC

Since it has been announced the co-payment would be charged, the number of patients I have seen is around half of what I used to see.

# **YOUTH HEALTH WILL SUFFER**

### **DR ALAYNE SIMON**

In my rural community in the Mid North Coast of NSW, I helped to establish a youth medical clinic last year.

The youth I see, from the ages of 13 24, but most often between the ages of 14-17, DO NOT have \$7 to see the doctor.

If they did, I doubt they would prioritise their clinic visit. I am the only doctor of half-a-dozen GPs in my community willing to provide health services at the youth centre.

Fair financial pay for my time is not part of the deal as it is. I feel I provide a very valuable resource to teens in desperate places. I provide support to the youth workers and staff toward helping the future of our community.

The cost to the Australian government of supporting the children of unplanned teen pregnancies or an unsupported young person will be enormous!

It saddens me deeply to imagine the repercussions to our community that this budget will cause, which will be mirrored throughout the nation.

What if it was your child who came to my clinic in need and the clinic was no longer there?



Around 66% of terminally ill patients die in hospital — many receiving heroic, but unnecessary interventions

Source: Medical Journal of Australia 2011

# TIME TO RETHINK MY GP TRAINING

# FRUSTRATED - MELBOURNE, VIC

As a GP trainee I am starting to see a downfall already. I see GP registrars returning to the hospital network in favour of specialist training to earn two-and-a-half times the pay, and the respect from patients. Regular patients are failing to attend — stating fear of a co-payment.

GPs are already referring issues they would usually manage to the hospital out of spite, and to help the government realise the importance of primary health. Why would a GP spend 20 minutes suturing a wound for \$30 dollars? Seems like the trend will be to clog emergency departments further. I am frustrated and planning my departure, along with numerous other trainees

# LEAVING US TO BEAR THE COST IS A DISGRACE

# PAUL – FITZROY, VIC

My work is in drug and alcohol treatment in two community health centres. We are by necessity completely bulk-billing. I see many extremely disadvantaged patients, especially Koori patients in Shepparton.

There is no possibility of these patients paying \$7 every time they

need to see me and it will ensure that they will never have the blood tests and investigations they need as they will not be able to afford the co-payment on these procedures.

The poor in Melbourne who are stuck in poverty traps like rooming houses paying \$150 a week for a single room will also not be able to afford to pay. The doctors I work with are already the lowest paid GPs in the state — the government's implication that we will bear the cost is a disgrace

# WHAT ABOUT PATIENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES?

# DR LYNDSEY KABAT – MELBOURNE, VIC

I look after about 30 clients with severe intellectual disabilities who are in DHS care. This is very difficult medicine as most are non-verbal.

It is very time-consuming and it is a field few doctors want to enter. The clients are generally very anxious with doctors and medical care, which exacerbates their behavioural issues.

As I have looked after them for so many years, most will now happily let me examine them — which they will not do for strangers. I would now have to charge them each \$7 or take a cut, when in reality this work should receive extra funding.

The other option is to stop doing this work but I have such a good relationship with the clients that I would feel terrible leaving them in the lurch. Either myself or these marginalised people would have to suffer with this new funding model.

# **PREDICTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS**

# DR KAREN SPIELMAN – SYDNEY, NSW

Irun a bulk-billing clinic once per week in an NGO Youth Centre in Sydney's "affluent" Eastern Suburbs, as well as my normal practice.

I see young people there who are homeless, not in mainstream education, from refuges, youth housing, other youth services, schools, mental health services, and some see me by word of mouth.

Sometimes it takes weeks of saying hi in the waiting room whilst they are doing another program, often they're brought in by tireless youth workers or dragged in by friends.

These are kids who can't or won't access mainstream services. Almost without exception they struggle financially and a co-payment would be out of the question.

Take A for example — her youth worker asked me to see her due to abdominal pain and being underweight. She's homeless, recently expelled from school, had been using drugs until recently. She was so anxious and nauseous, she couldn't eat properly.

Her (also homeless) boyfriend with a probable undiagnosed mental illness had been controlling and physically abusive, and finally came in to see me too.

With trust and persistence, treating him has improved things for her too and now they are both attending courses. Hopefully with encouragement and support they can access youth housing.

There's so much to do for these two — STI checks, contraception, medication, follow-ups ... I'm more than happy to forego my \$11 each time, but the extra costs under the new system would still add up for them, and create an unfortunate barrier to ongoing care.

It makes me so sad to think these changes may be made to our universal health care system. We will all be paying the price for a long time if it happens.

# WHERE WILL THIS PATIENT GO?

# **DR S MICHAEL – NARELLAN, NSW**

One evening I had a patient with advanced lower respiratory tract infection. After the consultation I wrote a script for antibiotics to be dispensed the same day as I suspected pneumonia and it was too late for an X-ray.

The patient questioned if she could wait for her Centrelink payment, which she would receive in two days. knowing how sick she was and the danger for waiting two days, I handed her \$10 to buy the medication.

I am asking politicians, where this patient will go with the co-payment?

# THIS WILL DEEPEN THE MORAL DEFICIT

# **DR FARAH AZAR – SYDNEY, NSW**

As a GP, I try my best to keep patients out of hospital. I see a lot of marginalised patients with serious chronic mental illnesses and they barely get by on the DSP.

It is cruel to further burden them with paying a co-payment. As a civilised society, we should care for those who are vulnerable. The co-payment will see them staying away from their GPs — it is hard enough already to get there when you are isolated with little support and have to battle demons on a daily basis.

Ultimately there will be increased presentations to stretched emergency departments — from people that are in worse crises. This will deepen the budget deficit and — worse still — the moral deficit.

The same is true for our aged populations in hostels and nursing homes. How can we, as caring professionals, be expected to charge our pensioner patients?

# A STEP TOWARDS A THIRD-WORLD HEALTH SYSTEM

# GANGA – MERNDA, VIC

 $\mathbf{S}$  ince all this talk about the co-payment started, we have already seen  $\mathbf{S}$  a decline in patient numbers.

Those needing our care who do not have the finances will definitely suffer as a consequence and hence burden the healthcare system in other ways, like more frequent hospital admissions!

GPs are the frontline in most cases and also at the end-of-life stages. We see patients from birth all the way through to death.

There are constant battles with the government for funding, so much so that we are unable to optimise availability to our patients and it's always the patients that suffer!

What makes this country different from any third-world country if we can not offer adequate healthcare to Australians? Those who are hit the worst are those who have no other choices!

# **\$7 COULD HAVE COST A LIFE**

### **DR HEATHER PARKER – PEREGIAN SPRINGS, QLD**

 ${
m A}^{15}$ -year-old girl with abdominal pain. She had been given analge-sics by the pharmacist.

She presented as a walk-in to a bulk-billing clinic. With a full history and examination, it was clear she could have had a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy.

Confirmed by ultrasound, admitted as a public patient to hospital. A \$7 co-payment might have stopped her coming to the GP until too late. Might have cost her her life.

# THE POLITICS IS CLEVER, BUT DISGRACEFUL

### **DR TONY HAMMOND – MELBOURNE, VIC**

I am one of those GPs who still does 25-30 home visits weekly, mostly to residential aged care facilities. The thought of lifting \$7 off frail, elderly people to recoup the \$5 rebate reduction is repulsive.

To bear a \$13 reduction in the visit fee if I chose not to knock off \$7 from the frail elderly is an abuse of my willingness to do home visits. The politics is clever, but a disgraceful way to treat GPs.

To reduce the rebate by \$5 across the board and then to have to get this back off patients is mean-spirited, particularly when those we are told to get this money off are the elderly in aged care facilities, the alcohol and drug addicted, the mentally ill and the unemployed.

What are they thinking? We need to tell all pollies that this unacceptable.

# THE MOTHER AND THE SIX-MONTH-OLD

### **DR SUSANNE DAVIS – NORWOOD, SA**

Isaw a six-month-old baby recently. The parents had made the appointment for immunisations. I routinely weigh and measure babies when they present for vaccination, as well as asking parents questions about development and general health.

After weighing the baby, I realised his weight was going down the percentiles. After questioning his mother about his dietary intake, I explained to her that he required more solids and more frequent meals. I explained a six-month-old baby's dietary requirements.

I doubt that this baby would have presented to me had the co-payment been in effect. Mum would probably have taken the baby for council vaccinations. This is just one example of how much difference a GP can make to a person's health and wellbeing.

# THE HEARTSINK PATIENT

### **DR JANE RAMSEY – MT BARKER, SA**

Thave a patient, who has multiple health problems — poorly controlled diabetes, severe hyperlipidaemia, bipolar disorder, hypertension to name some.

She complies poorly with medications because she struggles to afford to pay for them as well as caring for her three children, who have health problems of their own.

Last Christmas she came to me in crisis, distressed because she could not afford to buy her kids any presents.

Of course, we bulk-bill her always, and when available, I give her sample packs of her medications. But what do you think will happen to her when co-payments come in? Not just the GP payment of course, but for pathology and radiology? Will they be willing to forgo billings? She is only 46.

# THIS ONLY HIGHLIGHTS HOW MUCH WE ARE UNDERVALUED

# "DISSATISFIED GP" – MELBOURNE, VIC

The direction the profession is heading does not look good with issues such as the eHealth record and \$7 co-payment causing nothing but extra stress and burden for GPs.

Not to mention increasingly complex care in an increasingly entitled and demanding population, with litigation risk soaring. The expectations on GPs from the public and government are seriously getting ridiculous.

And now we are being told to foot the bill that was created by the mismanagement of a completely incompetent Labor Party?! How is it our responsibility to solve their budget problems?

GP practices are already at the brink and this only highlights, again, how much we are undervalued. Politicians are so out of touch and have no idea what we deal with on a daily basis.

I challenge them to sit in with us for a day of consulting to get a feel for what is actually involved. Better still, spend just 24 hours with a rural GP in a single-doctor town!

To dismiss general practice as comprising of unimportant, minor coughs and colds is simply ignorant and uninformed thinking by pure administrators. See what happens to the health system if general practice is not supported —it will be a disaster.

I'm not sure if I will stay in this field if things don't improve and will keep my options open accordingly. I'm only a few years into my GP career, so it's very disappointing to find that this career is not what I had imagined, with bureaucratic issues and red tape infiltrating far too much into daily practice.

I am observing with great caution before deciding what direction to go in, feeling I have already sacrificed enough for this career. I certainly won't be investing in furthering my education in this field, nor considering practice ownership unless I am confident that this is a sustainable, long-term career option.

There are plenty of intelligent doctors with options who may leave the profession in droves if it becomes too much of an uphill battle just to practice.

We also have a responsibility to ourselves and our families to have a healthy and happy life, and I will certainly not spend my life as a charity service for the Australian Government.

Stop blowing money on fancy dinners and first-class travel, and give us a break. Otherwise, we may just be gone before you can blink.

# **BLOW FOR CRADLE-TO-GRAVE MEDICINE**

# DR TED VIDOR – HOBART, TAS

I see aged care as an important part of caring for families 'from cradle to grave'. It is rewarding in many ways, but never financially.

I am disadvantaged financially by attending my nursing home patients, compared with sitting and consulting in the comfort of the surgery. I choose to bulk-bill my nursing home patients because it is convenient to do so and because many are financially disadvantaged.

I will not be able to choose to forgo the gap payment and associated incentive payment, and nursing home visits will become even more unviable.

What message is this government giving to our aged and destitute? What message are they giving to the thousands of GPs doing lowly paid aged care visits and the thousands more who are not prepared to visit nursing homes?

The message is — we don't value you or the services you provide.

# **EVENTUALLY GPS WILL GIVE UP**

### **DR JOHN HENDERSON – BANNOCKBURN, VIC**

At my general practice, we generally state that we are not a bulkbilling clinic, but in fact we bulk-bill more than 50 % of consultations because we know it is difficult for people to pay us.

I rarely see patients who do not need to see a GP and seem to be 'just in for a chat'.

There are many patients that must be bulk-billed to allow them to attend, because they would not afford it otherwise.

These patients have too many other things going on in their lives to attend the GP without good reason, and they all have multiple concurrent issues affecting their health.

The following is a typical example of a patent's set of issues: poor health literacy, poor diet and dentition, poor medication compliance (often due to cost issues), smokers, drinkers, those who've suffered family violence, mental health issues, other physical health issues, and of course, stress.

These patients need a lot of time with a GP to make progress on these complex issues, and the GP and practice do not get adequately remunerated for spending longer consults with patients as it is. And of course, these patients won't attend if they are not bulk-billed.

So of course it will fall back on the GP, who is trying to care for the patients and not put finances first, to bulk-bill the patient; and with this proposed change, the GP will be doing it all for \$5 less every time.

I know that there will be a large numbers of purely bulk-billing practices in the poorest suburbs that will just have to close if this change comes in.

When you spend time talking to people who are disadvantaged about their problems, you feel morally obliged to help them. However, you get burned out very easily doing this all the time — financial stress increases the chance of this.

So eventually, most GPs in the poorest communities will either give up or move to an area that is better-off.

# POTENTIAL DISASTER LOOMS FOR VACCINATIONS

# **DR CHRIS BOYLE – RAYMOND TERRACE, NSW**

Our practice believes that immunisation is absolutely essential for the health of our communities. We bulk-bill all immunisations.

We think that there should not be a barrier for parents to get kids immunised or for adults to have flu vaccines and pneumococcal vaccines. With this policy in place, we have a 98 % immunisation rate for children.

It is likely that with a \$7 fee, some will not get immunised. That would be a potential disaster as vaccine-preventable disease cases rise.

We don't object to the notion that those who can afford it should pay something, but pensioners, healthcare card holders and children under 16 should be exempt from the \$7 fee.

A vulnerable group is patients in the nursing home. To do this work is difficult enough, but to make us carry a cash tin around whilst doing nursing home visits is appalling.

We do care about our patients in the nursing home and may end up losing \$16 for caring for them. Then where will we find GPs willing to do uneconomic nursing home visits?

Well-resourced, well-organised primary care saves the Government money by keeping people out of hospital. This has been proven in studies.

To keep degrading general practice by depriving it of funds will end up costing the Government more. It is a stupid policy decision.

# **HISTORY OF BROKEN PROMISES**

# DR GLENN ROSENDAHL – ELANORA, QLD

have been in general practice since 1973, in Australia, Canada from 1974-1980, and back in Australia since 1980.

I worked before Medicare Mark II was introduced by Bob Hawke, listened personally to Neil Blewett's promise that the GP Medicare rebate would rise equally with the cost of living and "average weekly earnings", and have practised while those rebates have fallen to less than 50% of what they would have been had those promises been kept.

I have seen, parallel to this, the reduction in the time spent per patient, and the continuing increase in the use of pathology and imaging to make up for that quality of care — or simply to get the patient out the door, so the next patient could be seen.

General practice has inevitably responded to fee reduction with 'portion control'. And the cost of technology, which overwhelmingly simply corroborates the clinical impression that the patient is well, has meant no cost-saving at all.

Now we are confronted with further broken promises. A fee reduction of \$5 as a proportion of \$38 is 13 % and will bring the fee to less than 40 % of the value of what we were paid in 1984. And they expect the same quality of care? It is an insult!

# PATIENTS DECLINING FURTHER APPOINTMENTS

# DR LINDA MANN – SYDNEY, NSW

work in the Inner West in Sydney, and Borroloola in NT.

▲ In the NT we employ drivers to find and bring in the many people who have rheumatic fever for their monthly penicillin; the more than 10 % of the local population with diabetes for their regular checks; the folk on dialysis; and the children whose stunted growth is being monitored to close the gap in Aboriginal healthcare outcomes.

These patients have different values regarding the importance of continued attention to health. Our job as healthcare workers is to maintain the health and strength of the people and their culture by treating the people nonetheless.

I cannot imagine the scenes, where the driver comes to take them to the clinic, ensuring they have their \$7. I do not know how we will handle money in a clinic with no resources to protect workers carrying cash or to establish and maintain EFT-POS.

My mental health patients in the Inner West and those with developmental disability have already asked if they have to pay and indicated how worried they are. Some have declined further appointments, saying they will make them later.

I asked a low-income earner (on a disability pension, being retrained as he did not finish high school and at the age of 50 has not become comfortable with computers) how he will manage.

He looked anxious and said he would have to think about that. This man sees me monthly because he does not have the capacity to act on symptoms, and it works better if I ask him how he is.

This is how I happened to send him to a cardiologist and prevented his first heart attack (he had a stent put in).

I can tell people when they come that I will forgo some of the payment I am due. I cannot help people if they are so worried about the co-payment that they never turn up.

# PATIENTS ARE SELDOM "TIME-WASTERS"

# **KYLIE – WOODCROFT, SA**

As a former rural GP, a stay-at-home mum, and now a part-time suburban GP, I know my work makes a difference. The co-payment will have a drastic effect on the practice I now work at.

Our practice bulk-bills the 80% of our consults who are concession card holders, but I will still opt to bulk-bill women who attend for Pap smears, people with chronic diseases, and results recall — even if they are in paid employment.

Can you even imaging charging a \$7 co-payment for a first disclosure of childhood sexual abuse, or the child with an acute abdomen, or the woman with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia who needs a blood count when on chemo, or the recent widower to check how he is coping?

This was just a sample of my patients this afternoon and I chose to bulk-bill all of them, regardless of their income. None of these patients are time-wasters and, to be honest I'm not sure how many of my patients are. I am honoured to be entrusted with their care. Politicians need to sit in a GP clinic for a week to see what it is really like.

# **GP CARE IS VALUE FOR MONEY**

# **DR KATE GEORGE – SYDNEY, NSW**

The day after the budget was announced two of my long-term vulnerable patients came to see me, worried and distressed about the co-payment and expressing concerns about how they would pay.

The first, a chronic schizophrenic with a chaotic history has been stable for years. She attributes this to the support she receives from her case worker and GP.

She visits fortnightly to touch base and monitor her condition, which allows me to tweak her medication and provide support.

The second, a (mostly) sober alcoholic with bipolar disorder finds support and stability in regular GP care. If she falls off the wagon, I'm usually her first port of call to get back on track. Both women strongly feel that GP care makes the difference.

This is relatively cheap secondary prevention, saving bucketloads in hospital care, and should be encouraged by government policy. Bin the co-payment!

# **MY INCOME THIS WEEK WAS REDUCED BY 30%**

# **DR MEGAN RATHBONE – BURNIE, TAS**

I work in an economically depressed rural area in Tasmania where unemployment is high and youth unemployment runs at 25 %. The bulk of our patients are concession card holders and often struggle to afford medicines they need.

I have even paid for their medicines myself in extreme cases. They have many social problems and poor health is a consequence of this, with poor lifestyle contributing to their risks.

Every consultation provides an opportunity to counsel them about lifestyle, diet, smoking cessation and safe level of alcohol consumption.

To add to our time pressure by limiting their visits due to cost and financial pressure by having to absorb more low-fee consultations for patients who cannot pay will only lead to worse health outcomes in the long run.

Patients have already stopped visiting this week as they fear the copayment is already in place! My income this week was reduced by 30%.What a fiasco this will be.

# ARE POLLIES TRYING TO RUN A NATION OR A BUSINESS?

# **DR SHANTHINI SEELAN – SYDNEY, NSW**

Is the government trying to run a nation or a business? Actively limiting the accessibility of its people to healthcare is not only dangerous, but appears that the powers that be are totally out of touch with reality, judging from the extremely laughable examples provided by the architects of this budget.

Here in Toongabbie, Western Sydney, we cater to the most vulnerable — elderly pensioners, young families of lower socioeconomic status, and the ever-growing culturally and linguistically diverse population. All of these patients are going to be seriously sidelined and face a clear risk of contracting chronic illness, which will ultimately end up costing more.

Investing in community-based care has been shown to reduce health-related expenses, especially when the GP can prevent a disease at a much lesser cost than it would cost by seeing a specialist when the disease is fully entrenched.

The Australian healthcare system is the envy of many. Why jeopardise it by implementing such savage measures? As primary care physicians working at the coalface, we strive very hard to promote better heath outcomes.

Support us instead in this worthy cause and work together to bring about the common goal of improving the health of the nation.

# WARNING FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

# "ADA" – CLAYFIELD, QLD

I own a practice in a fairly good demographic area, but there are still people who may lose their jobs or due to unfortunate circumstances cannot afford healthcare, for example, becoming incapacitated for work. They would struggle to pay \$7 towards GP visit, plus \$7 towards pathology, plus \$7 towards radiology. As there is increasing unemployment in general across the state, one can only anticipate that more and more people will struggle to front up with healthcare costs.

Practices like ours face increasing business costs, again posed on us by the government. These include increasing costs towards preparation of accreditation, rising staff salaries and mandatory superannuation contributions, rising power bills, IT support costs, registration fees, insurances, just to name a few.

Concurrently, there are looming cuts in PIP payments, cuts to GP teaching costs, and now the big slap in the face and kick in the guts with cuts actually in Medicare rebates.

It's sure to drive down patient numbers and inevitably going to affect any GP business, whether totally private billing, mixed-billing, or totally bulk-billing. I already have aged pensioners asking me if she and her spouse can have the co-payment waived, and I can anticipate many more will make the same requests from our doctors.

It will take doctors' valuable time in having to keep explaining to patients about us getting hurt in taking a cut if we waive the co-payment, and explaining that we are not even pocketing the \$7 all to ourselves; that we are being bullied into being used by the government as tax collectors for them, basically at our costs (imagine the administrative nightmare in implementing this?).

I would discourage any new medical graduates from doing general practice if this co-payment gets passed.

# THERE ARE NO UNNECESSARY CONSULTATIONS

# **DR SHARON MOEY – BLACKWOOD, SA**

I honestly don't feel that as a GP there are any unnecessary consultations. The whole idea behind general practice is that the public feels comfortable and happy to make an appointment whenever they feel the need to get something checked out, ask questions or even just to talk through issues.

We are trained as GPs to recognise potentially life-threatening problems in their infancy.

By discouraging patients from attending (and by imposing ANY copayment this is discouraging them to attend, particularly for poorer patients), it is surrendering this important skill over to the patient, asking them to triage their own health questions so they only attend for what they judge themselves to be "important enough".

Anecdotally, this is a terrible idea. I couldn't count the number of times patients have said 'I wasn't even going to come, but I thought I'd just get it checked' for things that have ended up being serious problems.

Other consultations that will drop off are mental health consultations, follow up/review consults and preventative health checks — all of which will negatively impact on the population's health and ultimately cost the government more money.

I sincerely hope this co-payment scheme does not go through.

# GOV NEEDS TO PROTECT ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY

# **DR JESSE BRIGHT – COFFS HARBOUR, NSW**

My case load has many mental health clients. All GPs have some degree of experience with patients with chronic, severe psychotic illness (not responding to antipsychotics) who live day to day, payday to payday, with just enough to pay their \$6 for a script.

I wanted to share one case of chronic schizophrenia and complex regional pain syndrome. I cannot imagine this patient coming for routine mental state assessment, let alone blood tests (for concomitant hepatitis C), when scripts, GP visits, pathology are all subject to copayments.

They will suffer if the Senate agrees with this course of action. What patients will return to be checked and manage chronic asymptomatic illness (hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia) should they be forced to choose between their next meal or their co-payment?

The American health system that Mr Abbott and the LNP are proposing cannot help but create poorer health outcomes for the vulnerable segments of society. Not everyone has the luck of stable family upbringing, higher education and good health. What is the point of government if not to protect all segments of society?

# WHEN WILL GENERAL PRACTICE BE REGARDED AS THE SPECIALTY IT IS?

# DR GEORGINA GIBSON – ASHMORE, QLD

I have been a GP for over 30 years. I've worked in remote rural, rural and more recently urban general practice. I have bulk-billed those I consider needy and charged a gap to those who can afford it.

At present, concession card holders pay a gap to see me but I reserve the right to bulk-bill if and when I think it is indicated. You cannot put a price on the continuity of care provided by a good GP.

If the politicians had the guts and insight to ask the smart economists to look at the real value of good GPs, I bet I would be getting paid at the same rate as my so-called 'specialist' colleagues.

When will GP be regarded as the specialty it is and not as the optional low end of healthcare that can be farmed out to nurses and pharmacists, etc?

The poorly considered co-payment is a true insult to GPs and their most needy patients. If the government believes bulk-billing has been exploited, then there is a need to find a way to resolve it.

Punishing patients globally, and creating ridiculous tax collecting logistics for GPs is inefficient and unfair. I hope the government will get advice from good GPs, rather than coming up with unworkable policies if it really plans to reform health spending.

# EFFECT ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH BREAKS MY HEART

# **DR SUSIE RADFORD – SOUTHPORT, QLD**

I have become very involved with youth mental health — both by working at Headspace and doing an outreach clinic at our local high school. Teenagers are very price-sensitive and those with the greatest need often come from unsupportive and highly dysfunctional families.

Teenagers also often lack the insight to understand the importance of engaging in care but will grudgingly come when asked because it is free. And they benefit from the process by developing a relationship of trust with a professional.

Working with teenagers is unpopular and time-consuming, and those of us who will try to continue doing this sort of work, despite the co-payment, will probably have to accept a substantial drop in income and find it very difficult to recruit colleagues into the area.

A lot of time that could be better spent on building a therapeutic relationship with teenagers will need to be spent exploring their ability to pay. GPs offer a long-term approach for young people with mental health or drug and alcohol problems.

Patients can gradually build up a relationship of trust, move through to treatment at their own pace, and have an advocate on their side to help them weave their way through a complex health system.

We have seen such great improvements in adolescent engagement

that it breaks my heart to think of the impact the co-payment could have on youth mental health service delivery.

# NO OTHER SPECIALTY WOULD ACCEPT REBATE CUT

# **DR VIVIENNE SHARMA – SYDNEY, NSW**

Having come into medicine later in life, I endeavour to be a GP who practises medicine rather than Medicare billing.

I see my job as preventing my patients from getting sick through quality preventative care. And when they have acute illnesses, I do my utmost to treat them and prevent hospital emergency referrals — thus saving the government money!

I will bulk-bill those patients who need it and charge a small gap to those who can afford it. I feel that if the medicine you practise is high-quality, evidence-based and patient-centred, people are happy to pay a gap. However, for those who genuinely cannot afford it such as healthcare card-holders, the elderly, etc, the gap will be crippling and usually they are the ones who need to be seen the most.

By scrapping the bulk-billing incentive on these patients, I will effectively be taking a pay cut when in reality I strive to work hard for my patients both during consults and after hours. In any other industry I would be rewarded for my efforts.

General practice is a specialty in its own right. I have studied hard, passed exams and been under supervision like any other specialty. Why then am I treated as untrained? No other specialty would accept the closure of its training arm nor a cut in rebates.

# DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT TILL IT'S GONE

# **DR MICHAEL SMEATON – MT PLEASANT, WA**

A couple of weeks ago, I was called to see one of my regulars at the local nursing home. She had 'gone off' (was non-specifically unwell).

With knowledge of her history, and a quick clinical evaluation, I was 90 % sure she had a urinary tract infection. A urine was sent off and trimethoprim commenced. Within 48 hours she was back to her usual self. Cost to the taxpayer? Item 35.

Today I received a discharge summary from the local tertiary hospital. The same lady had developed similar symptoms over the weekend, and was sent directly to hospital by the relief nursing staff.

She had a CT scan of her head, chest X-ray, blood cultures and as many blood tests as the intern in ED could think of. She was admitted for a couple of days, given a very expensive IV antibiotic before a urine test confirmed the obvious — another UTI.

Cost to the taxpayer? Heaps.

If the pollies continue to prioritise health spending on new, stateof-the-art tertiary public hospitals, at the expense of supporting quality general practice (and this includes the introduction of the co-payment), then this old bugger and many of my colleagues will take early retirement, and leave behind the increasingly expensive and inefficient health service that politicians deserve.

It's a tragedy that something needs to be lost forever, before the fools realise the value of what was lost

# I ANTICIPATE A VERY SAD CHOICE

## **DR SOPHIE BERNARD – SYDNEY, NSW**

I built my practice in Five Dock to a medical centre housing seven GPs, a nurse, pathology centre, psychologists and a dietitian. We are a busy, happy practice truly seeing patient across a wide demographic of economic and racial backgrounds. We are a teaching practice, taking in medical students and GP registrars.

I mortgaged my house heavily to build the practice into a centre of excellence, adding value to our local community and providing employment to over 20 people. Over half my own personal patients have mental health problems and the other half have complex diseases.

At the age of 58, after 27 years in practice it is rare for me to see a simple walk-in patient with a sore throat. I love my community and I love what I do. We have not been able to afford to bulk-bill everyone, and early this year we made the hard decision to start charging child-

ren as well as adults a private fee to supplement the frozen rebates to keep the practice viable.

By the nature of my patient load, it is rare for me to have a full-fee paying patient — the mentally ill, students and people with chronic health problems are often bulk-billed. Our current overall bulk-billing rate sits at about 65%.

If the co-payment and/or a drop in rebates occurs, I genuinely believe the practice will become non-viable. We live in an expensive city and real estate costs are huge, let alone rates and other running costs. I anticipate a very sad choice that may result in me closing the practice. This will not just be my loss but the community's as well.

# RURAL HEALTH NEEDS MORE RESOURCES, NOT TAXES ON THOSE FEW LEFT

# **DR BETSY WILLIAMS – PORT AUGUSTA, SA**

I work in rural SA where there is a complete lack of resources in the public sector. There are very few resident specialists of any sort, so patients will often need more acute emergency care from a GP than would happen in the city.

Also, the rural population includes many elderly people and Aboriginal people who frequently have complex chronic problems that require regular GP assessment and follow-up Many people are really struggling after years of drought and the ever-increasing cost of living.

Many people do not have access to counselling or physiotherapy or even podiatry. They consult us with a wider range of problems than city people would do and often consider us to be a lifeline.

I can see no way to ask these people to pay a form of tax on their healthcare when they are already required to pay much more money for their healthcare than city people, due to the travel involved.

As I do women's clinics, I often have patients who travel up to 100km to see me, which would never be necessary for people living in the city. Rural areas need more resources, not taxes on the few resources that are left. Thank you for your consideration.

# **A RETURN TO THE DARK AGES**

# **DR MICHAEL SCHIEN – NEW LAMBTON, NSW**

The Abbott budget is an assault on the unemployed, the sick, the poor and those who care for them. More broadly, it turns its back on the principles of a fair go for all in accessing health and education.

It has manufactured a non-existent "budget emergency" to justify cuts and reversals in scientific research, environmental protection and renewable energy, while among other things, backing the mining and fossil fuel industries, ramping up military spending, and attempting to secularise public schools.

A return to the Dark Ages. A total sell-out of our country to the politicians' corporate mates. No stronger case for a standing Independent Commission against corruption at a federal level can be made than the disaster that is this latest budget.

# I AM A DYING BREED

# **DR MARK ROGERS – ADELAIDE, SA**

I am a dying breed — an inner-city solo GP who bulk-bills 100% of his patients who often struggle to pay the pharmacy gap for their mental health script meds.

I can ONLY continue under the current system because of:

1. A lack of bad debts

2. A lack of downtime paperwork chasing non-paying patients. There is No ROOM for bookkeeping hours to chase a \$7 debt. What were they thinking or is that the problem — they're just ideologies?

3. The childhood and pensioner bonus incentive to bulk-bill.

The day the planned changes are implemented is the day I close the doors for the sake of supporting my family's needs and sell out to a supermarket corporation to provide impersonal, dehumanised services.

Please tell politicians what taking \$2 billion out of their blessed economy will do for the spending habits of the tens of thousands of medico families who get up to a 25% pay cut just for the privilege of being de-facto employees of the Federal Government

# BAD NEWS FOR REFUGEES AND INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

# DR LESTER MASCARENHAS – MELBOURNE, VIC

Preventative care is the cornerstone of modern primary care and should be the backbone of any medical system. Individuals with no symptoms should be encouraged to see their primary care providers for preventative health assessments.

The 42-year-old man who is obese, has a sedentary lifestyle and smokes but has no symptoms will be put off attending his primary care service if there is a co-payment.

I work with refugees and Indigenous Australians. Both these groups have limited health literacy, and a co-payment will inhibit them from attending our service where we can perform preventative health assessments.

There are far better ways to reduce costs in the health system without sacrificing quality of care or restricting access to care for disadvantaged communities. Better use of nurses and other members of the primary care team can help reduce costs.

Co-payments must go or else this government risks leaving behind a legacy of spiralling morbidity and mortality among our most vulnerable communities, and a consequent rise in healthcare spending for the nation.

# WE'RE MADE OUT TO BE THE GREEDY GUYS

# DR LOU LEWIS – MATRAVILLE, NSW

I am a GP of over 35 years' experience. I am truly solo and do all my own billing, filing, etc. I do not and never have employed a receptionist or a nurse. I started bulk-billing when Medicare was introduced 30 years ago, and I have used it ever since (for eligible patients only).

I have always treated my patients with respect, kindness, and professionalism, regardless of who they are, or their economic and social status. The majority of my patients are in the working-class category, with about 30% of my patients being healthcare cardholders and children. If I were to introduce a \$7 co-payment, it would be impossible in my situation to administer such a ridiculously small amount of money. I worked out that I would have to start off the day with at least \$500 in small denominations and coins to cater for the 10 or so patients that I see in the morning.

I am really left with no option but to cease bulk-billing and move on to private billing. Unfortunately this will have a deleterious effect, initially, on my practice, as I foresee a large drop in numbers. But the patients who do decide to stay will partly make up for the loss because private billing would generate more income.

A lot of my cardholder patients have told me that they cannot afford to pay the private fee but unfortunately I cannot bulk-bill these patients as it would be impossible for me, as a solo practitioner, to administer the \$7 co-payment in the paperwork that will have to be submitted to Medicare and other bodies.

The corporate bulk-billing medical centres are already sending out flyers and texting patients that they will not be charging a co-payment fee and making out they are the good guys and we, the patients' GPs, are the greedy guys.

It's a free country and they can do that, but eventually patients will see the folly of going to medical centres that bulk-bill and have to rely on high turnover to make ends meet (which I do not). These patients never seen the same doctor twice and have to wait hours to see a doctor, and if they decide to go to the public hospitals, the waiting times will be horrific.

I foresee that these patients will become disenchanted with the service they will be receiving and will want to return to see us, the GP, and be willing to pay the extra for the personal service and to be treated appropriately — both in the medical and the social sense.

# WHAT CAN A POLITICIAN DO FOR \$35?

### **DR GEORGE ARDALICH – ADELAIDE, SA**

**G**Ps are saving lives and making people comfortable and happier for \$35 at a time. What can a politician do for \$35? GPs have many roles and fine qualities — confidante, mentor, counsellor, motivator, trustworthy and everybody needs one of these in their lives — even politicians. John Howard poured more money into health when his wife got sick. Perhaps we need more politicians' families to be sick?

# THE CO-PAYMENT WILL ABSOLUTELY REMOVE ACCESS

# **DR SIMONE STUBBS – SINGLETON, WA**

The co-payment plan will affect both the practices I work in profoundly. They are entirely bulk-billing practices for 12-25-yearolds, mostly marginalised young people, in two outer-metropolitan suburbs that have some of the poorest social determinants of health in this wealthy state of ours.

This needy cohort, the future of our state and nation, rank access as one of the most important barriers to timely and quality healthcare. The co-payment will absolutely remove access to these young people.

The practices will struggle to waive the co-payment as they operate on a shoestring as it is, and need longer, less-profitable consultations to sort out the multifactorial and complex presentations of marginalised young people. GP hours and administration support will be reduced in both practices that are currently running at capacity.

# **TOO MUCH FOR TOO LONG AND TOO LITTLE**

# "WORN OUT" - PERTH, WA

I am a 58 year-old female GP in metropolitan Perth. I have worked in general practice for 27 years ... but no longer. In all those years, I put in my personal best effort during every consultation.

Like so many doctors, I think I put the needs and welfare of my patients ahead of my own as a rule. I maintained continuing education and taught medical students in my practice, hoping that I may have been inspiring the younger generation to follow my example and choose general practice over another specialty. But no longer.

Just over a year ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time my appointments were fully booked for two weeks, so I continued at work until I finished that commitment. I walked out of the practice on the Thursday afternoon and had my initial surgery the next day.

At that time I expected that I would return to my practice following completion of treatment, approximately eight months later. However, every time I have contemplated doing so, I have experienced a great deal of emotional discomfort, which is the best way I can describe the feeling.

My best instincts and intuition are telling me that I simply cannot do so if I value my own life. This has come as a complete surprise to me and probably to my patients and colleagues, too.

I have realised that, despite the incredibly satisfying doctor-patient relationships I have been privileged to experience, my 27 years at the coalface can probably be summed up as being "too much for too long and too little" — which is a sad realisation.

The more experienced and knowledgeable I had become, the more demanding and time-consuming the role of conscientious and caring GP had become, until I had become worn out. Sadly, it has taken a diagnosis like breast cancer to allow this GP to step away from the job.

This is a big loss for me personally, but also for the practice where I had worked since 1995 and for all my patients who have needed to establish a relationship with a new GP several years earlier than any of us had foreseen.

The good news for me is that I have recently commenced part-time work as a tutor in the medical course at my university, where I am maintaining my education and enthusiasm for medicine in a teaching role, still hoping to inspire the next generation of doctors to consider general practice as a career.

The great pity seems to be that there is little chance they will make this choice if this difficult specialty continues to be devalued and destroyed by the strategies currently being considered by the Federal Government. Of course, this is nothing new! And I am almost too worn out to care.

# **HOSPITAL CARE SO MUCH MORE COSTLY**

# **DR LUKE TOMYN – MELBOURNE, VIC**

Hospital and specialist care for late presentation illness is so much more costly to the patient and the taxpayer. Please don't compromise quality general practice care to the vulnerable who need it most.

# HOW DO I REMAIN A GOOD GP?

# **DR ANDREW KWONG – WYOMING, NSW**

I have been a GP for 35 years this July, and have always been proud to be a GP/family doctor doing what is the best for my patients, many of whom are poor, disadvantaged, aged or disabled.

Many are geriatric patients in nursing homes and other aged care facilities, who — for the past 10 or more years — have been discarded upon entering those facilities when their GPs find it 'uneconomical' to continue caring for them.

We are a small group practice in Wyoming, some 90km north of Sydney CBD with a large retirement congregation. The two-practice suburb has now become a 40-strong GP haven, where only five of us continue to care for the most disadvantaged section of our community — the aged and geriatrics.

The pending co-payment rule will further disadvantage the geriatric patients, not to mention the administrative headaches for us — a low-cost practice struggling to maintain a high standard of care, which is fast becoming impossible to keep up.

Further more, all the big super clinics and corporate medical centres around us have been granted Area of Workforce shortage, but our practice's application was not granted. Strange, as we suffer from lack of manpower as well, if not more than the big guys.

Furthermore, even the GP training scheme seems to elude us with no GP registrar applying for our practice because of its geriatric bias. We are facing a double-whammy.

I would like to know what to do to continue to be a good GP for the patients? Anyone?

# THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TAKE ON THE OTHER SPECIALTIES

# DR GREGORY LEWIN – TUMBI UMBI, NSW

The proposed cuts are cynical and are intended to get the 'soft' area of the profession. Patients will assume GPs are getting a \$7 increase and the cardholders will feel that the GP does not need an extra \$7 from the less well-off. The government will not take on the other specialists as they have proved united in their opposition to fee changes. Witness the attempt to cut the cataract fee. One form of protest to these changes would be to make every consultation by every practitioner a level C ... bulk-billed.

# DISADVANTAGED DO NOT NEED A FURTHER DISINCENTIVE

# **DR V HEWITT – DUBBO, NSW**

We need to close the gap between rural and urban health, and Aboriginal health. As a junior doctor in western New South Wales, I see what it costs patients to access healthcare.

They can spend hours driving to the doctor and they present later with illness for things that could have been solved more simply if they presented earlier. These disadvantaged people who already have a reduced life expectancy do not need a further disincentive in seeking healthcare. The co-payment is not cost-effective for the future. I have grave concerns about preventative health strategies being able to be carried out. It's not too late to change your mind, Liberal Party. Face the realities and please listen.

# ADDING COSTS TO IMMUNISATION MISJUDGED

### **DR MATTHEW WOOD – BYRON BAY, NSW**

I live and work in an area that has a very low immunisation rate. To add a cost to consultations for immunisations, or to educate and inform parents about the issues related to immunisation, is a terribly misjudged measure that will have very real effects of the health of the community.

# **RURAL PATIENTS HIT HARD**

# DR PAUL SAAD – QUIRINDI, NSW

The co-payment is like a chainsaw cutting all aspects of primary care in rural areas, where patients are affected by the drought, and struggling to support their family and children. Rural areas are rich in aged patients who are suffering from chronic disease, including depression and other mental health issues. As a rural GP, I am totally against co-payments in primary care and have more than 5000 patients supporting this statement. Most of these are pensioners. Leave the patients alone, otherwise their health will be affected the most.

# IT IS HARD ENOUGH KEEPING VULNERABLE PATIENTS OUT OF HOSPITAL

# **DR MARIE HEALY** – REDFERN, NSW

I have worked in Redfern for over 15 years. Historically, most of our patients have been pensioners and healthcare card holders living in public housing. I see a lot of elderly people, and those with chronic disease, mental illness, family conflict and few employment prospects. These people are already financially stressed. Many are on multiple medications and are obliged to have regular pathology tests for disease or medication monitoring. An enforced gap to the most vulnerable will increase their medical risks. It is already challenging keeping them out of hospital. Increasingly, as the demographic changes, affluent people are buying in Redfern. We charge these people a gap and there is rarely a complaint about this, as we offer a good service.

# **CO-PAYMENT IS ONE MORE PROBLEM**

# **DR PAUL EFIMOFF** – BRISBANE, QLD

At our surgery, we have lots of immigrants, elderly pensioners, people with mental disorders and young parents with children who need immunisation. This co-payment will make them reluctant to come because it is another problem they have to cope with.

DO NOT DO IT!

# I'M MAKING PLANS TO CLOSE MY SERVICE

# **DR ADAM KING – PORT MACQUARIE, NSW**

Tam a GP who has been caring for a small Aboriginal community, as well as drug and alcohol rehab in Kinchela for the past 10 years. I am not an Aboriginal Medical Service, just a solo practitioner who

employs a registered nurse and receptionist. I will see about 30 patients a day who are fro, the lowest socioeco-

nomic class, with little self-care or understanding of their own health and chronic disease.

It has taken 10 years to build trust and improve their healthcare.

Unfortunately, there is no way any of these patients will pay \$7 as a co-payment. It is already hard enough to get them to come in, even when it is bulk-billed, as they have such a poor understanding and little education of their health, let alone no money as almost all of them are on the pension.

I am already making plans to close this service as soon as the copayment comes is as financially, it won't be viable. I will have to leave it to the local hospital to address the problem when preventable issues just go wrong.

Sad days are coming.

# **GENERAL PRACTICE SAVES LIVES**

# DR SUSHIL KUMAR – ROCKHAMPTON, QLD

General practice plays an important role in saving lives. I have grad-Guated from India and seen people struggling to find which specialist to see for which condition. Despite seeing the different specialists for various health conditions and spending lots of money, people still find themselves confused for long-term and holistic care. There is often no communication between specialists and family doctors, and patients are started on individual treatment by different doctors. It leads to delayed/missed diagnosis, patient confusion, and not enough attention to preventive care and screening.

This is despite being able to see specialists and state-of-the-art hospitals sometimes.

Please do not hold back general practice. It saves lives. Please encourage it. Rather than taking hasty decisions and sending a wrong message to patients by adding the burden of a co-payment, we should encourage the role of the GP, and look at various ways to make it more and more productive.

Please do not send the wrong message to the public and the young doctors wanting to be GP.

# WE ARE THE SCAPEGOATS FOR THIS BUDGET

# DR WENDY (NO LAST NAME) – SOUTH BRIGHTON, SA

Following many years of hard work, to take advantage of the private education my single-income parents sacrificed to give me and my three siblings, I dedicated six years of hard slogging to get through medical school to make my family proud.

After that there was almost five years of hospital interns/resident training, with 24-40 hour schedules — as well as paying my own way to England to get experience there before commencing general practice in Australia. At times, I dedicated more than 60 hours a week to my patients' care, until I became a mother and spread my caring between my family and my patients. Yet, I have continued to make sure I remained current in my knowledge and provided the best of medicine to my patients.

Thirty-three years on, since I started this career journey, consecutive governments of both parties, at all levels, continue to devalue me, the quality of my work and the worth that I provide. All so they can "balance their budgets" by freezing Medicare rebates for two-and-a-half half, never increasing the MBS in line with CPI.

Politicians refuse to take the politically unpopular decision of being truthful, to actually tell the population how expensive good healthcare is to provide, and that hardworking GPs are worth financially compensating for their knowledge and experience. We are the scapegoats for their health budgets.

Why did I not follow my father and become an accountant? Then I at least I would be paid for all the work I do! How will the co-payment and other MBS changes affect me? It will just devalue me further!

# THE SIGNATURES GPS AND OTHER MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

AABON HOLLINS MAREEBA ABAIDULLAH SIDDIQI CEDUNA ABBAS MAHMOOD COBIO ABBY BUNDLE NEW TOWN ABDUL QUDDUS MORNINGTON ABDUL USHAM HOMEBUSH ABDUL MUSA ADELAIDE ABE MATHEW ABID MAJID GOLD COAST ABIGAIL NGWESO NABANGBA ABU HENA KAMAL ABUL MONIRUL ISLAM ADA TAM ADAM OSBORNE BYRON BAY ADAM BARTLETT BRISBANE ADAM GESCHWIND WAVERLEY ADAM WISELY NEWCASTLE ADAM BUTLER GYMPIE ADAM WALKER ADAM KING PORT MACQUARIE ADAM COULSON ADAM WILSON SOMERS ADEEL CHAUDHRY ARMIDALE ADELINE FONG PERTH ADENRELE MABO EPPING ADRIAN ZENTNER BICTON ADRIAN REYNOLDS HOBART ADRIAN ELLIS BRISBANE ADUGNA LORANSIOS MELBOURNE AH NG ADELAIDE AHMAD RAHIM AHMED SHARIF PAKENHAM AHMED HASSAN GEELONG AHMED FRAZ CAIRNS AHMED NAGLA MELBOURNE AHSAN HUSSAIN TULLAMARINE AIAD AL-ESSA CAMPBELLFIELD AIDIN RIAHIFARD AIDIN RIAHIFARD DONVALE AI-LING LEE ORANGE AJILESH CHACKO AKANKSHA CHANDRA SYDNEY AKHTER HOSSAIN MELBOURNE AKSHAY WADEGAONKAR KINGAROY ALA MELATI-RAD WARNER ALAN LEEB PERTH ALAN WEST NOOSA HEADS ALAN SKAPINKER SYDNEY ALAN SILVER LEONGATHA ALAN OXENHAM GLADESVILLE ALAN WRIGHT ALFRED COVE ALASTAIR STARK MELTON ALAYNE SIMON BELLINGEN ALBERT GALEA GOSFORD ALBERT MAU SURREY HILLS ALBERT CHAN SYDNEY ALEC KHOURY NORTH AVOCA ALEC SAVICKY ST KILDA ALEX PHARE TRARALGON ALEX BURMEY HOMEBUSH ALEX ANDRIC SYDNEY ALEX ROUDENKO BRISBANE AI FX BERRY ALEXANDER WATSON BRISBANE ALEXANDRU PAVA MELBOURNE ALEXIS LEONES DRUMMOYNE ALEXIS LAKE GOONDIWINDI ALF LIEBHOLD HUNTERS HILL ALI EGHTESADI ARAGHI BUDDINA ALI ISSAPOUR BRISBANE

ALI HUSSAIN ROCKINGHAM

ALL VAEZIPOUR MACLEAY ISLAND ALI AFSHAR NEJAT BRISBANE ALIASGHAR HOSSEINPOLIBNOBABI TOOWOOMBA ALICE LAM BEAUMARIS ALICE WEBB PERTH ALINE SMITH SUMMER HILL ALIREZA HEIDARIAN COBURG ALIREZA SHIVAEE GARRYZ MELBOURNE ALISDAIR BARNES MORNINGTON ALISHA THOMPSON ADELAIDE ALISON CREAGH PERTH ALISON ROSE PENSHURST ALISON STUBBS PERTH ALISON GOODFELLOW EDEN HILLS ALISON PILKINGTON MOOROOKA ALISON VICKERS SYDNEY ALISON MURRAY LILYDALE ALISON SANDS ALISON KING GEELONG ALLAN PHILLIPS BRISBANE ALLAN MCKENZIE RESERVOIR ALLISON RAMSEY ADELAIDE ALLISON DISCHER ALLYSON KING ADELAIDE ALMUT VON SCHWEDLER MATCHAM AI TAF KA7I ALTAN CAPA SYDNEY ALVAN OKONKWO TIERI ALVIN CHUA CAMPBELLTOWN ALYSON PLINT CAPALABA ALYSON KELLY MELBOURNE AMANDA WRIGHT MEI BOURNE AMANDA MAITLAND TARINGA AMANDA MILLIGAN PERTH AMANDA BARNARD BRAIDWOOD AMANDA BOULTON NARANGBA AMANDA ALCOCK SYDNEY AMANDA STALLEY SYDNEY AMANDA WILDSMITH SYDNEY AMANINDER SEKHON MELBOURNE AMANY MORGAN SYDNEY AMATUL ALI SYDNEY AMBIKA KATOCH TAMWORTH AMER GILANI KANGAROO FLAT AMI MAS FEANKSTON AMIN SADRUDDIN HOBART AMIR FAHAM MELBOURNE AMMAR SHAH MELTON WEST AMY MOTEN DARWIN AMY BOSSER ALEXANDRA HEADLAND AMY NICHOLAS MELBOURNE AMY NGUYEN AN DAO CHESTER HILL ANA TIONGCO GOODNA (IPSWICH) ANDRA DABSON ANDREA JESUDASON SYDNEY ANDREL OHLMUS ANDREW MULCAHY JULIA CREEK ANDREW HOLLO SYDNEY ANDREW PATTISON EAST IVANHOE ANDREW MARICH MORNINGTON ANDREW LOK ELIZABETH SOUTH ANDREW ELKERTON KINGSTON ANDREW MURRAY SHELLHARBOUR ANDREW REES CANUNGRA ANDREW PERRY SCARBOROUGH ANDREW KIRKE BUNBURY ANDREW DONALD FAIRFIELD ANDREW COPE BENDIGO

ANDREW GOODWIN UNLEY

ANDREW BEVERIDGE KUNUNURBA ANDREW BLACK GRAFTON ANDREW JACKSON BOCKHAMPTON ANDREW NEVILLE-TOWLE SYDNEY ANDREW MCDONALD BALLARAT ANDREW MAU MELBOURNE ANDREW VIDOR ANDREW LOK ANDREW GUNN INALA ANDREW GIBSON BATEMANS BAY ANDREW BOYD ABERFOYLE PARK, SA ANDREW TAYLOR PERTH ANDREW MORRIS KIRRAWEE ANDREW SMALL SYDNEY ANDREW EGAN COOMA ANDREW KWONG WYOMING ANDREW KWONG WYOMING ANDREW ONG STRATHFIELD ANGELA BOSE ANGELA LEWIS BONNELLS BAY ANGELA BOWMAN ANGELA KEEN MELBOURNE ANGELA STRATTON ANGELA GAVRALAS MELBOURNE ANGELA TALLARIDA RED HILL ANGELA BATCLIEF GATTON ANGELA PLUNKETT BRISBANE ANGELO MAZZAFERBO SYDNEY ANIL LAL MELBOURNE ANITA MUNOZ MELBOURNE ANKUSH GOYAL COWRA ANMOL TANDON SYNNYBANK HILLS ANN ARI OTT BOCKHAMPTON ANN HUGHES ROSEDALE ANN PARKER BERRIMA ANN MASJAKIN BRISBANF ANN HENRY HOBART ANN ROSENOW ANN DAVIES NSW ANNA DOWLING ENDEAVOUR HILLS ANNA MACFARLANE BRISBANE ANNA MCEL REA BRISBANE ANNA JANISIOW BRIGHTON ANNA CREELMAN SYDNEY ANNAMARIE PERLESZ KYNETON ANNE BICKNELL CANBERRA ANNE HII BRISBANE ANNE REYNOLDS BRISBANE ANNE WAKATAMA OLIIRINDI ANNE MURRAY SYDNEY ANNE DAVID BATHUBST ANNE SNEDDON SOUTHPORT ANNE COADY GLEBE ANNE-MARIE FIDDLER BRISBANE ANNETTE TROTTER NEWCASTLE ANNETTE BARRATT BELLERIVE ANNETTE ZAWALINSKI ANNIE NIVEN MELBOURNE ANNIE YANG TOOWOOMBA ANN-SOFI POKRANT FREMANTLE ANOOP THAYAVALAPPIL KYPARATH SUNSHINE ANOOP RAMAN LAUNCESTON ANTHEA CHARALAMBOUS SYDNEY ANTHONY HANCOCK PERTH ANTHONY BROWNJOHN DARWIN ANTHONY BARR WEMBLEY DOWNS ANTHONY COHEN NARACOORTE ANTHONY WRIGHT MAFFRA ANTHONY NIGRO ANTHONY HODGE HOBART

ANTHONY PAGE GAWLER



# THE SIGNATURES

BELINDA COYTE MELROSE PARK BELINDA MARTIN REDHEAD BELINDA WOZENCROFT PERTH BELINDA BEATTIE CHELMER BEN WEATHERHEAD LAUNCESTON BEN DAVARI MARYBOROUGH BEN CLARK ADELAIDE BEN CHAN DANDENONG BENEDICTE FORCEVILLE ST LEONARDS BENJAMIN FRY BATESFORD **BENJAMIN LEE WATERLOO** BENJAMIN NALLY MELBOURNE BENJAMIN RUTTEN CASTLEMAINE BERNADETTE NIXON BRISBANE BERNARD WESTLEY DARWIN BERNARD RYAN MELBOURNE BERNARD FENSLING BALLARAT BERNARDINE MCKELLAR BRISBANE BERNIE CRIMMINS MELBOURNE BETSY WILLIAMS PORT AUGUSTA BEVERLEY RAINFORD ADELAIDE **BEVERLEY POWELL** BHASKAR KONDURU COFFS HARBOUR BHAVIK DAMODAR JINDALEE **BIANCA FORRESTER GEELONG** BIANCA DAVIDDE ADELAIDE BIEN LE MAIDSTONE BIJU BHARGAVAN PERTH BILAL KARIME SYDNEY BILL MOBBISON MIDDLETON BILL MEYERS LANDSBOROUGH BILL KEFALAS ZETLAND BING FOO SYDNEY BISHOY MARCUS BOB FUTCHER BELLA VISTA NSW BOBBY GREWAL BOBBY 11 BOEY-LENG LOY PERTH BONNIE FRASER ADELAIDE BONNIE ONG SYDNEY BORHAN AHMED BOSCO LI SYDNEY BRAD MCKAY MELBOURNE BRADLEY FORSSMAN SYDNEY BRENDAN THOMPSON GATTON BRENDAN FULMER MEMPHIS BRETT DAVIS BRISBANE BRETT BOWDEN PERTH BRETT MONTGOMERY BRIAN MANSFIELD TORONTO BRIAN MANSFIELD NEWCASTLE BRIAN LIM MIN LOONG ALEXANDRIA BRIAN AMBROSE ADELAIDE BRIAN CRICKITT CAMPBELLTOWN BRIAN COLE YARRAGON BRIAN BOWRING AM FRACGP GEORGE TOWN BRIAN HOLDER ADELAIDE BRINDA WEINMAN STRATHFIELD BRIONY ANDREW UNLEY BRONWYN JK ADELAIDE BRONWYN ANDERSON REDHEAD BROOKE SACHS SYDNEY BROWN ANNE BRUCE MCLAREN MELBOURNE BRUCE BAFFAN HAMILTON BRUCE BARKER LAUNCESTON BRUCE STELEY SYDNEY BRUCE ROBERTSON TOWNSVILLE BRUCE HERRIOTT ATHERTON BRYAN MEYERKORT PERTH CAETLIN JOPSON BRISBANE CAITLIN RASCHKE NEWCASTLE

CALEE EASTHAM NEWCASTLE CALIN PAVA DEVONPORT CAMERON PROFITT BANNOCKBURN Cameron Martin Eltham CAMILLE AWADA SYDNEY CARMEL O'DONNELL BRISBANE CARMELO NUEVE WHYALLA CARMEN HRISTEA GEELONG CARMEN QUADROS PERTH CAROLE PAGE FELIXSTOW CAROLINA MUNOZ ACOSTA TENTERFIELD CAROLINE SCARMAN TURRAMURRA CAROLINE ROGERS SYDNEY CAROLINE LLOYD LANG LANG CAROLINE CLANCY BRISBANE CAROLINE CHAN SYDNEY CAROLINE JOHNSON CAROLYN SHARWOOD WILLIAMSTOWN CAROLYN HARRIS CAROLYN BENNETT SDNEY CASEY DE ROOY MELBOURNE CASPER BADENHORST MORRISET CASS KALKERUP CASSIE RICKARD NEWCASTLE CATE BARTHOLOMEW BRISBANE CATE HANSEN CATH NEWMAN JINDABYNE CATH DEACON HOBART CATH YANDELL ADELAIDE CATHERINE BOI DAN TOONGABBIE CATHERINE SKOIEN BRISBANE CATHERINE GIBBON CAPALABA CATHERINE HSU SYDNEY CATHERINE FOLEY CASTLEMAINE CATHERINE RIEDEL HAMILTON CATHERINE THORNE BUNBURY CATHERINE ORR WODONGA CATHERINE SPEECHLY MOSMAN CATHERINE CHU VICTORIA CATHERINE BARTHOLOMEW BRISBANE CATHERINE SMITH MELBOURNE CATHERINE JEANNERET HOBART CATHERINE SHANNON CANBERRA CATHERINE DELALANDE MELBOURNE CATHERINE MUGGERIDGE CANBERRA CATHERINE DUNCAN MOUNT WAVERLEY CATHY DUGDALE ALANA CATHY GRECH NORTH MELBOURNE CATHY REGAN NEWCASTLE CATHY LEEMBRUGGEN HAMPTON CATRINA HUANG CATRIONA QUINN MULLUMBUIMBY CECILY BAXTER VICTORIA CELIA TILDESLEY HOBART CELIA BODEN HOBART CELIA JANE SKLOVSKY MELBOURNE CHALAM BABU KOLLI POINT COOK CHAMATHKA DIAS SYDNEY CHAMPIKA JINENDRADASA SINNAMON PARK CHANDIMA PANDITHABATHNA BENDIGO CHANDRIKA THANGARAJAH CHANG THAI LEE WOLLONGONG CHARAN JEFT MIRANDA CHARIS HERMAN MELBOURNE CHARITHA BANASINGHE SHEPPARTON CHARLES WU GOLD COAST CHARLES GRACE NEWCASTLE CHARLES ALPREN MELBOURNE CHARLES ELLIS NEWTOWN CHARLES BUSH TOORAK CHARLES RHEE GORDON

CHARLES FOSS MANDURAH CHARMAINE SARGENT ADELAIDE CHAU NGUYEN CHAVI FERNANDO CHEE CHANG PERTH CHEE LEONG HIEW ERINA CHEE SHENG WONG ARARAT CHENG LIM EASTWOOD CHENG LO BENTLEIGH CHENNE MONTANA BRISBANE CHERYL LIM BRISBANE CHERYL PROVAN GOLD COAST CHESNA HEYDENRYCH GERALDTON CHI SO CANBERBA CHI KEUNG PAW SYDNEY CHIJIOKE OKELEKE CHIN CHUAH BURWOOD CHITRA SIVARAMAMOORTHY CHITRA HARINESAN WESTMEAD CHLOE LIM ADELAIDE CHRIISTOPHER BENNETT FORRESTERS BEACH CHRIS ROOK ADELAIDE CHRIS MCKENZIE BALLINA CHRIS MIRAKIAN BENOWA WATERS CHRIS TAN NORTH ROCKS CHRIS ROOK ADELAIDE CHRIS BOYLE RAYMOND TERRACE CHRIS ROBERTS SYDNEY CHRIS SASSE CHBIS MITCHELL LENNOX HEAD CHRIS GORGIOSKI MELBOURNE CHRIS STELMASCHUK TOWNSVILLE CHRIS FILDES MELBOURNE CHRIS BAKER MT MARTHA CHRIS HARDY MELBOURNE CHRIS HIGGINS TOORACK CHRIS COTTON CHRISTER SVENNSON SYDNEY CHRISTIAN MCGRATH ABBOTSFORD CHRISTINA DARGHAM UNANDERRA CHRISTINA CHEUNG ADELAIDE CHRISTINA PORT MEL BOURNE CHRISTINA SALINS BLAXLAND CHRISTINE GESTIER BRISBANE CHRISTINE MARSACK PERTH CHRISTINE CAFFREY PERTH CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG BENDIGO CHRISTINE WADE MANGROVE MOUNTAIN CHRISTINE LEE-BAW SORRENTO CHRISTINE EDWARDS MELBOURNE CHRISTINE HARGET-WHITE GOOMBUNGEE CHRISTINE ARNFIELD KALLANGUR CHRISTINE LONERGAN NAMBOUR CHRISTOPHER KEAR DEVONPORT CHRISTOPHER OH MELBOURNE CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS PALM BEACH CHRISTOPHER IRWIN MELBOURNE CHRISTOPHER HAN MAROUBRA CINDY HOLDEN MELBOURNE CINDY WONG SYDNEY CINDY LEE WONG BOX HILL CLAIRE DODSWORTH ETTY BAY CLARA JIMENEZ BALCELLS NEWCASTLE CLARE MATTHEWS PERTH CLARE PERKINS NEWCASTLE CLARE DONNELLY SYDNEY CLAUDIA LONG PORTMACQUARIE CLAUDIO VILLELLA MELBOURNE CLEA ALEXANDER MELBOURNE CLEMENT LO CLEMENTE BRAZIL GOLD COAST CLIFFORD AU MT DRUITT

COLETTE HAYES BRISBANE COLIN METZ KIRRAWEE COLIN LEONG BRIGHTON COLIN LAU PERTH COLINITEY PERTH COLIN BINNS JINDALEE COLIN WATSON COLIN MASTERS BUDERIM CONNY HARRIS BELROSE CONOR MURPHY MALENY CORA MAYER MELBOURNE CORAZON FRANCISCO BLACKTOWN CORSINI ARAGON KIRWAN COSTAS COSTA SYDNEY CRAIG HILTON BRIGHTON CRAIG BRYANT MELBOURNE CRAIG SWANSON EVERTON PARK CRISTINA DUMITRESCU BEECHWORTH CRISTY ELLEM BRISBANE CYNTHIA ASOKANANTHAN PERTH CYNTHIA INNES EAST FREMANTLE CYNTIA INNES EAST FREMANTLE DAMAN LANGGUTH BRISBANE DAMIAN COUGHLAN TOOWOOMBA DAMIAN MARINUCCI HAMPTON DAMNEET SEKHON MELBOURNE DAN EWALD LENNOX HEAD DAN WANG DAN PIAZZA SYDNEY DANEL CONBADIE GINGIN DANENE HOPKINS BRISBANE DANH NGUYEN CANLEY HEIGHTS DANIA KHAWAJA DANIEL BYRNE HAPPY VALLEY DANIEL GROSSMAN THOMASTOWN DANIEL HALLIDAY DANIEL ERY COOTAMUNDRA DANIELA RADULESCU OYSTER BAY DANIELLE SMITH PERTH DANIELLE REBBETTES PERTH DANIELLE KNIPE DANNY RIMMER DANNY COCKS MAPLETON DAPHENE CONNOR BLACKBUTT DARREL WEINMAN STRATHFIELD DARREN OATS AYR DARREN BARNETT ADELAIDE DARREN REDDEN SYDNEY DARSHIKA ELLEPOLA TOOWOOMBA DAVID RITCHIE BRISBANE DAVID WOODHOUSE PARADISE POINT DAVID LOWE MITTAGONG DAVID AWBURN FRANKSTON STH DAVID PHAN ASHBURTON DAVID REID PITTSWORTH DAVID CHEE ERINA DAVID TAYLOR EERWAH DAVID PICK CHATSWOOD DAVID RINGELBLUM ROWVILLE DAVID FOX MEI BOURNE DAVID CHRISTENSEN CANUNGRA DAVID PEARSON PERTH DAVID WANG HURSTVILLE DAVID URE WARWICK DAVID I FEDER UNI FY DAVID LUNN MELBOURNE DAVID NICHOLSON DAVID ISAAC RICHMOND DAVID SMITH NEWCASTLE DAVID MONASH SALE DAVID PEARSON PERTH DAVID ROSELT BUNDABERG

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DAVID HA SYDNEY DAVID GUEST GOONELLABAH DAVID CARMAN MEBOURNE DAVID HOLLAND BALLARAT DAVID MYCOCK PERTH DAVID MELLOR BRISBANE DAVID TANG MELBOURNE DAVOOD KARIMIAN BRISBANE DAWN OI MELBOURNE DEB SMITH BRISBANE DEBBIE OWIES MELBOURNE DEBBIE VAN YAGOONA DEBORAH MCALISTER CLAYFIELD DEBORAH MOORS MELBOURNE DECLAN GREEN MELBOURNE DEELAN VAZ PERTH DEEP KUMAR WYOMING DEEPAK KHALE WYONG DEEPAK DHOKIA VIC DEEPAK GANAPATHY DEIDRE BENTLEY LOCH DEIRDRE KEARY TOWNSVILLE DENISE IERINO BALGOWLAH DENNIS RHODES KINGSCLIFF DEREK ASHBY HOBART DEREK TANG DESMOND MISSO BRISBANE DESPINA PAPPS ADELAIDE DI MARCHANT SURREY HILLS NORTH DIANA CARDAMONE MELBOURNE DIANE BLANCKENSEE TWEED HEADS SOUTH DIANE ENGELANDER SYDNEY DIANE CAMPBELL DERNANCOURT DIANNE MOSES GOLD COAST DIEM DANG ADELAIDE DILHANI WITHANAGE DONA BALLARAT DILIKA PERERA SEYMOUR DILIP SHARMA PERTH DIMITRIOS KLONARIS NEWTOWN DIMITRIOS ROMAS MELBOURNE DINA JAMIL GOULBURN DINESHKUMAR PARMAR DIP CHAND STRATHPINE DISNA WAKISTA PURGA DOLORES BELSKY ST KILDA EAST DOM INGALL NOOSA DOMINIC THANAPALAN NORAVILLE DOMINIC BARBARO MELBOURNE DONALD LEITCH ANNA BAY DONGQING LIU DURAL DONNETTA CHARLES BUSSELTON DOUG LITHGOW NEWCASTLE DOUGLAS BRISBY MALENY DREENA KELLY BUNBURY DUANE CRABTREE NEWCASTLE DUNCAN MACWALTER HAWTHORNE DURAID HADDAD DZUNG DO MARRICKVILLE DZUNG LE SPRINGVALE SOUTH EBRAHIM MANUEL MELBOURNE EDEL GARCIA TOWNSVILLE EDWARD HOWE YAGOONA EDWARDS GRAEME MELBOURNE EDWIN AROKIASAMY WA FDWIN KBUYS CALOUNDBA EIMAN AL RAHEB MELBOURNE EKHLAS NASSER ELAINE CAPLAN SYDNEY ELAINE DESQUITADO ROCKHAMPTON ELAINE SUNG SOUTH YARRA ELANA ROSETH SYDNEY

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FAY SINN SYDNEY

FELICITE ROSS SYDNEY FELICITY NOLLE CHIRNSIDE PK FIONA MCGOVERN NAMBUCCA HEADS FIONA DOWNEY PERTH FIONA SMITH TOWNSVILLE FIONA BISSHOP BRISBANE FIONA SHEPHERD MELBOURNE FIONA NEWTON DAYLESFORD FIONA MIDDLETON PERTH FIONA KANERA FITZGERALD PAUL KETTERING FOLA BELLO LEEMING FRAGRANCESFRANCES KINNEAR BRISBANE FRANCES MAXWELL GEELONG FRANCIS GRAHAM HAMLEY BRIDGE FRANCIS TERNG CABRAMATTA FRANCIS K F TAN BRISBANE FRANK NG DIAMOND CREEK FRANK MEUMANN HOBART FRANK TREWARTHA NORTH TURRAMURRA FRANK SCHULTHEISS LENNOX HEAD FRED MCCONNEL KATHERINE FREDERICK LAU ADELAIDE FREDRICK VETHANAYAGAM QUEANBEYAN G THIAGARAJAH GAGANDEEP SHARMA DALBY GAGANDEEP SAWHNEY GAIL WEINER SYDNEY GANES KUNJIDAPAADHUM GEELONG GANGA POOLOGANATHAN MERNDA GANGA SAMRAKOON BERWICK GARRY VAN DER VEEN PERTH GARY WRIGHT COOLUM BEACH GARY KILOV LAUNCESTON GARY NICHOLLS SYDNEY GASTON BOULANGER BOYNE ISLAND GAURAV TEWARY WOLLONGONG GAVIN LEONG PERTH GAYLE WILLIAMS MURGON GEETHA DHILEEPAN BRISBANE Gelui Amaya Melbourne GEMMA KIM SYDNEY GENEVIEVE YATES BALLINA GENEVIEVE KEANE BRISBANE GENEVIEVE HALLIGAN SYDNEY GEOFF MASTERS PERTH GEOFFREY TREZISE WESTBURY GEORGE SAYEGH ST CLAIR GEORGE BERTSOS GOLD COAST GEORGE ARDALICH ADELAIDE GEORGE CRISP PERTH GEORGE FOLDES SYDNEY GEORGE SPICER CARLINGFORD GEORGE SIDHOM SYDNEY GEORGE CHANDLER BURNIE GEORGIA PAGE ERINA GERARD TAN BELGRAVE SOUTH GERARD (GERRY) MCDONALD CORIO GERHARD VIVIERS PERTH GERVIN SAMARAWICKRAMA DRWIN GETULIO LUMBES MELBOURNE GHULAM JILANI ADELAIDE GIFFORD TUTT GILLES LAUR MANGROVE MOUNTAIN GINIE DIETRICH MELBOURNE GINNY SARGENT GINO CARAVELLA PERTH GISELLE CRAMOND BRISBANE GIUSEPPE NERONI FELIXSTOW GLEN TORBEY LOGAN CITY GLENN MATHIESON LANGWARRIN GLENN ROSENDAHL ELANORA



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HELEN WILLOUGHBY HELEN GORGIEVSKI NEWCASTLE HELEN DETTORI HELEN SCHINCKEL ADELAIDE HELEN HSLLMELBOURNE HELEN SCHULTZ MELBOURNE HELEN DEWHURST CASTLEMAINE HELENA SMETANA POTTSVILLE HELENA BERENSON HELENE OWZINSKY CLAYTON HEMANGKUMAR MAYATRA CLAYTON HEMANT MAHAGAONKAR FORBES HEMANTHA SENEVIRATNE MELBOURNE HENDRIK SMIT DALWALLINU HENRY FELLNER ADELAIDE HENRY MONKUS MALVERN EAST HENRY WHITTING COOLANGATTA HENRY LIM ELIZABETH NORTH HENRY NOWLAN HORNSBY HENRY TRAN SEFTON HIMALI MEEGODA NSW HIMANSHU BHARDWAJ ADELAIDE HIRAMANEK NAVAZ HOA NGUYEN BRISBANE HODA TAHERI HOBART HONG LAM MELBOURNE HONG SHI JINDALEE HOPE PATON BRISBANE HORST HERB DORRIGO HOWARD I ESMANA BANDWICK HUEI JYH FAHN BENALLA HUI HUANG HUI HUANG HUILING LI HUNG MA SYDNEY I CHOW IAIN KAAN SYDNEY IAN WILLIAMS BRISBANE IAN GIBBS YUNGABURRA IAN MATTHEWS MAPLETON IAN CHENOWETH MELBOURNE IAN BODDICK | FGANA IAN ALEXANDER SYDNEY IAN CAMERON PICNIC POINT IAN SHARROCK ELTHAM IAN LIGHT ALBERT PARK IAN MACKAY COLAC IAN READETT IAN CORMACK DOUGLAS, TOWNSVILLE IAN CHARLTON KINCUMBER IBOLYA SZUCS IFTEKHAR GAZI GOLDCOAST IGGY BELIDIMAN BRIGHTON IGNATIUS BUDIMAN BRIGHTON IGNAZIO ALBERTI EARLWOOD IHTISHAM UL-HAQ LIGHTNING RIDGE ILONA SZEKELY ROUND CORNER ILYA HUBCZENKO ADELAIDE IMELDA CABATUANDO TIN CAN BAY IMKE HINZE COOTAMUNDRA IMRAN KHAN INANCH MEHMET NSW ING CHIEW TEMPLESTOWE INGA ATRENS BRISBANE INGE VAN I FEUWEN ABEREOYLE PARK INGER OLESEN GEELONG INSAR HAFEEZ CHARTERS TOWERS INTISAR ABDELGAYOOM SYDNEY IBAM KHAWAJA GOLD COAST **IRENE JACOVOU BRISBANE IRENE TAN BALLARAT** 

**IRENE LAI SYDNEY** IRENE ROSE MELBOURNE IRFAN HAKEEM LALOR **IRSHAD RASHEED CAIRNS** IRYNA OLESHKO BUNBURY ISBAT KHAIR BERWICK IVAN LIM OXENFORD IVAN LEE PERTH **IVANA LU MOREE** IZAK BAKKER CROWS NEST JACK LAI BRISBANE JACKSON LAM LOWER TEMPLESTOWE JACKSON L BALLARAT JACOB FOO CANBERRA JACQUELINE KRAMER-MAIER SYDNEY JACQUELINE AINSLEY CAULFIELD NORTH JACQUELINE SUTTON HALLS HEAD JACQUELINE BOYD JACQUELINE EGAN ASHWOOD JACQUELINE ENGELANDER SYDNEY JACQUI BAULCH BRISBANE JACQUIE GARTON-SMITH PERTH JAGDISH TRIVEDY MELBOURNE JALAL KHASANOV ADELAIDE JALEH RADMARD MAROUBRA JAMES MILLSOM ARANA HILLS JAMES WALKER JAMESTOWN JAMES MCCARTHY MELB JAMES TSIA PARRAMATTA JAMES MAGAREY GEELONG JAMES BARNES SYDNEY JAMES OGUNDIPE BULLSBROOK JAMES BERRYMAN WYNYARD JAMES LEE HASTINGS JAMES MCCAWLEY MARYBOROUGH JAMES GREENHAM PERTH JAMES AITKEN KELLYVILLE JAMES WEST FRANKLIN JAMES HARRIS BRISBANE JAMES WATSON JAMES SHAO MARRICKVILLE JAMSHID BOOZITALAB JAN ZOMERDIJK NORTH TAMBORINE JAN FONSECA BUSSELTON JAN WESSLING JANE ATKINSON MORNINGSIDE JANE DEEGAN BRUNSWICK EAST JANE RALLS PERTH JANE BATLEY ORANGE JANE BIRKS TRAFALGAR JANE HEATH DARWIN JANE READ SYDNEY JANE KEIR SYDNEY JANE LANGLEY NOOSAVILLE JANE TRACY NOTTING HILL (WENDY) JANE SMITH GOLD COAST JANE SMITH ADELAIDE JANE LEE SYDNEY JANE FOLEY JANF KALJOUW JANE SHEEDY BALWYN JANE WONG OATLANDS JANE RAMSEY MT BARKER JANELLE HAMILTON CANBERRA JANELLE TREES NEWMAN JANENE MANNERHEIM SEAFORD JANET HAYWARD BINDOON JANET KITCHENER-SMITH SYDNEY JANICE BELL PERTH JANICE RAY NEWCASTLE JANICE LYONS ADELAIDE

JAN-PAUL KWASIK MELBOURNE JAS SAINI JASMIN MACINTYRE ADELAIDE JASMINA BAJRAMOVIC GOLD COAST JASMINKA DEKARIS FRANKSTON JASON WU JASON YOSAR ROCKHAMPTON JAWAD HUSSAIN JAYANT BANERJI BENDIGO JAYANTHI RAO FIGTREE JAYASREE DULLUR SYDNEY JAYNE INGHAM BRISBANE JEAN FOSTER DIANELLA JEAN LEE JEANETTE JAMESON SYDNEY JEANNIE YOO SYDNEY JEFF JANKELSON VAUCLUSE JEFFREY YU MT WARREN PARK JEFFREY WANG JEMMA DALRYMPLE SYDNEY JEMMA ANDERSON ADELAIDE JEN CRAMOND BONDI JENNIFER HART PERTH JENNIFER BARKER LAUNCESTON JENNIFER ALTERMATT WARRANWOOD JENNIFER NEIL SURREY HILLS JENNIFER SANDERS TATURA JENNIFER BOURKE FAIRFIELD JENNIFER JAMES SYDNEY JENNIFER CONNOR HOBART JENNIFER EVANS PERTH JENNIFER KNIGHT JENNIFER WILTON ADELAIDE JENNIFER COOK-FOXWELL ADELAIDE JENNIFER KENNEDY BRISBANE JENNIFER BRIGGS JENNIFER PARER GOLD COAST JENNIFER ALLEN KUNUNURRA JENNIFER WOO JENNIFER TORR MELBOURNE JENNIFER MYERS JENNY MEE SHEARWATER JENNY WEEKES JENNY APPLETON SYDNEY JENNY DONNELLY BEACONSFIELD JEREMI RUNYAN PIMLICO TOWNSVILLE JEREMY HUDSON TOWNSVILLE JEREMY OATS MELBOURNE JEREMY DUKE JESSE BRIGHT COFFS HARBOUR JESSE HALL PICTON JESSICA MURRAY OLD JESSICA HO SPRINGVALE JESSICA PAU STRETTON JESSICA CHONG JESSICA YUEN JESSIE LOW RHODES JESSIE TURNER TOWNSVILLE JEY KUMAR BRISBANE JEYABANI SIVASUBBAMANIAM EPPING JILL SULLIVAN TWEED HEADS JILL RAMSEY BALLARAT JILL PADROTTA JILLIAN HORADAM OURIMBAH JILLIAN MCCAULEY PERTH JIM KYRIACOPOULOS MELBOURNE JIM GENN JIM GLASPOLE VERMONT JIMMY LEE KOON CHAN CHIRNSIDE PARK JIN KEE NEWBOROUGH JING NGU MELBOURNE JING JING YE WANGARATTA

JINGYI SHU VIC JIWAN JYOTI GRETA JO SENIOR PICTON JO CROOKES CANBERRA JO NALLY JO WATSON ADELAIDE **JO GOODMAN CYGNET** JOACHIM STURMBERG WAMBERAL JOANNE MCCUTCHEON MALVERN EAST JOANNE ZHOU BOX HILL JOANNE MORRIS ROTHBURY JOANNE OSBORNE WAGGA WAGGA JOANNE PREISS JOANNE BAXTER GOOGONG JOANNE CHAFFEY TAMWORTH JO-ANNE MANSKI-NANKERVIS MELBOURNE JO-ANNE ZAPPIA TOORAK JOE CHAMIZO PERTH JOEL BUIKSTRA MELBOURNE JOEL HODDER CANBERRA JOHANNE HORMAN JOHN BROWN NAROOMA JOHN GRIFFITHS WALLAN JOHN WADDELL HIGHTON JOHN TRACE IPSWICH JOHN STEWART BRONTE JOHN EMMANUEL BALLARAT JOHN TURNBULL BRISBANE JOHN HICKEY CAIRNS JOHN ROBINSON BOYUP BROOK JOHN LEHMANN ADELAIDE JOHN VAUGHAN NORTH HAVEN JOHN TRANI WAHROONGA JOHN TAYLOR MELBOURNE JOHN WHAITE SYDNEY JOHN BUONOPANE NIDDRIE JOHN BYRNE SYDNEY JOHN EDMONDS TORQUAY JOHN MURTAGH MELBOURNE JOHN MCCRIRICK SYDNEY JOHN TUCKER VICTORIA POINT JOHN SMITH ADELAIDE JOHN HOLMES NEW BRIGHTON JOHN HENDERSON BANNOCKBURN JOHN JARMAN SALE JOHN NGUYEN SYDNEY JOHN PARK BRISBANE JOHN YU SYDNEY JOHN XIE JOHN LEE JOHN FUBIER MELBOURNE JOHN MATHEW SYDNEY JOHN SKALA BRISBANE JOHN CHUAH BYRON BAY JOHN DAVID HOLROYD SUNSHINE BEACH JOHN MICHAEL HART MIDLAND JOHNNY WONG ADELAIDE JON PHIPPS KIAMA JONATHAN EPSTEIN ABBOTSFORD JONATHAN NEWCHURCH WUDINNA JONATHAN O'LOAN BRISBANE JONATHAN LEEK MELBOURNE JONATHAN KHOO JOO-INN CHEW CANBERRA JOSE ABADIA SEATON JOSE PIOC TOWNSVILLE JOSEPH CHIRAWU GEELONG JOSEPH EMMANUEL SYDNEY JOSEPH CHIRAWU HIGHTON JOSEPH CZEKANSKI BUDERIM JOSEPH MCARDLE MELBOURNE JOSEPH SANKI SYDNEY

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PETER MAGUIRE NARROGIN

PAMELA COX MELBOURNE

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SIMONE STUBBS SINGLETON SIMONE KOOKE PYRMONT SIMONIL MEHTA SYDNEY SIMS CLARE NORTHCOTE SINDHU VASUDEVAN LAUNCESTON SIONG TAY TOR ROSEMEADOW SKYE DELANEY SYDNEY SNEHA PARGHI BENDIGO SO YOUNG PARK SOE WIN SYDNEY SOE WIN COFFS HARBOUR SOE TUN NOLLAMARA SONIA BHULLAR EPPING SONIA PURCELL TAMWORTH SONIA LIU SONIA SCHUTZ MANNUM SONIA LOGAN SOOK FOON PHON SYDNEY SOOK PENG (SUE) NG BLACKTOWN SOO-KEAT LIM SYDNEY SOOK-LIN LEE DONCASTER SOON JEE CECIL HILLS SOPHARA ROATH BRISBANE SOPHIE BERNARD SYDNEY SOPHIE VAVLADELIS SRDJAN ILIC MUNDARING SREEDEVI PABBATI BUNDABERG SRINAGESH PODURI MINYAMA SRINIVASA KESABAPU FERNTREE GULLY STANLEY KHOO PERTH STELLA PRESCOTT ADELAIDE STEPHANIE REID STEPHANIE WALLACE MOUNT COOLUM STEPHEN BENNIE MELBOURNE STEPHEN PALIN KINGSCLIFF STEPHEN SCHOLEM NORTH RYDE STEPHEN CHOW SYDNEY STEPHEN HELME BOWRAL STEPHEN MALLON MERMAID BEACH STEPHEN WINDLEY BRISBANE STEPHEN GHAN ADELAIDE STEPHEN WILLIAMS MOONEE PONDS STEPHEN DUDAKOV MELBOURNE STEPHEN OMIFOLAJI TRARALGON STEPHEN PHILLIPS MOOLOOLABA STEPHEN LAI STEPHEN MCKELVIE COTTESLOE STEPHEN JARVIS PERTH STEPHEN HOBSON TEA TREE GULLY STEPHEN MORRIS PARKES STEPHEN MASSEY PERTH STEPHEN CRAWSHAW SYDNEY STEPHEN WOOD STEPHEN ONG CHIPPENDALE STEPHENSON HEATHER THORNTON STEVE LIANG ROUND CORNER STEVEN BURNS ADELAIDE STEVEN TING LOGANLEA STEVEN HORNER SIPPY DOWNS STEVEN GOODMAN READING STEVEN HURWITZ SYDNEY STEWART MCOUADE GOLD COAST STUART BAINES WAMBERAL STUART GARROW PARKDALE STUART ANDERSON MAFERA STUART HAYNES MELBOURNE STUART LUDOWICI NORTH BALGOWLAH STUART JACKSON STRATHFIELD SU GUNARATNE SU LYNN CHEAH NEWCASTLE SUBHANI PATHIRANA BRISBANE SUCHITA PRADHAN ETTALONG BEACH

SARAH CUSH MELBOURNE

ROSS BERNAYS CAIRNS

SUDARMA MUNATHANTHIRI HAMPTON PARK SUDEER MAHADEO IPSWICH SUDHA KUNCHAPUDI SYDNEY SUE KNOTT SYDNEY SUE STARK ADELAIDE SUE CORY CAIRNS SUGHAN RAMAKRISHNA OATLEY SUGHAN RAMAKRISHNA PEAKHURST SUHANYA SASIDHARAN VIC SUJATHA RAMESWARA SWAMINATHAN BURNIE SULEYMAN DEMDI SYDNEY SULOCHANA MAHENDRAN MELBOURNE SUMAN PAENTIA MACKAY SUMATHIRA SHANKAR STRATHFIELD SUMUDU COORAY MELBOURNE SUNG PHU LAM ADELAIDE SUNIL VYAS CORDEAUX HEIGHTS SUNIL VYAS CORDEAUX HEIGHTS SUPATCHARA TANGSILSAT SUPAWADEE HENGPOONTHANA BONNYRIGG SUREN NAIKER DEVONPORT SURENDAR ADVANI BUNDABERG SURENDRA NAIDOO MEBOURNE SURESH JAIN KILMORE SURYANARAYANA PINNAMARAJU KINGAROY SUSAN THOMAS WARRNAMBOOL SUSAN CORNISH TORONTO SUSAN WONG WOY WOY SUSAN FOX DAYLESFORD SUSAN BRITTON SYDNEY SUSAN MACDONALD MAROOCHYDORE SUSAN GORDON MELBOURNE SUSAN SCALA HOPPERS CROSSING SUSAN JENNER ADELAIDE SUSAN TYLER-FREER BROOKLET SUSAN AUSTIN SYDNEY SUSAN MCDONALD CAIRNS SUSAN MCKENZIE HOBART SUSAN SELBY ADELAIDE SUSAN CAPP SYDNEY SUSAN MOURITZ BEAUMARIS SUSAN WELLS ADELAIDE SUSAN COTTERELL MALENY SUSANNAH COLLINGS CANBERRA SUSANNE DAVIS ADELAIDE SUSHIL KRAMER VICTORIA POINT SUSHIL KUMAR ROCKHAMPTON SUSIE RADFORD GOLD COAST SUYEN TAN SUZANA LEGA MELBOURNE SUZANNE WOOD NARRABEEN SUZANNE DAVEY ACT SUZANNE MCEVOY SVITLANA KELADA SWAN HILL SWAROOPINI THANGARAJAH SYAM NAVURU WARRAGUL SYBILLE FISCHER SYDNEY SYED HUSSAINI PORT LINCOLN SYED AMEER ABBAS ADELAIDE SYLVIA IRELAND LEURA TABITHA HOLMES PERTH TALAT SADEK SYDNEY TALAT CHOUDHRY MT MORGAN TALL BARBETT FAGI FHAWK TAMARA FORD CARCOAR TAMMRA WARBY YEPPOON TAMSON WALPOLE MELBOURNE TANDI HOBBS MERRIWA TANIA CHERNIH WEST RYDE TANIA STOJANOVICH TANYA ROBERTSON JINDABYNE

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TREVOR VINCENT WOORIM TREVOR KAY PADBURY TREVOR SKINNER GLEN WAVERLEY TREVOR LAW CANBERRA TRIDIV MADHOK ST GEORGE TRINA ELDRIDGE SHOAL BAY TRINA ROWLAND BURWOOD EAST TRIXIE DUTTON PERTH TRUDY CLARK POINT LONSDALE TRUNG TRAN BATHURST TULLIO SAVIO NEWCASTLE TULLIO SAVIO CHARLESTOWN UCHENNA NWEZE BOWEN UDAY GORE YAGOONA ULF STEINVORTH BRISBANE UMBER RIND MELBOURNE UMESH RAMNANAN GOOMBUNGEE UMIT SUNGUR LAUNCESTON UPKAR SHEEL GOYAL MT PRITCHARD URI SCELWYN CAIRNS VADEEN CHANDURA ELIZABETH NORTH VAN NGUYEN CABRAMATTA VAN TUNG BUI BONDI BEACH VANDA ROUNSEFELL ADELAIDE VANESSA LEE CHARLESTOWN VANESSA FARR VANESSA CHE PERTH VANI REDDI CLAYTON VANI PEDDI ALFREDTON VARGHESE PHILIP VASU SELLATHURAI VASUDHA CHANDRA KOGARAH VEENA RAMACHANDRAN TOWNSVILLE VEER SINGH GILL CRAIGBURN FARM VELIBOR TODOROVIC NEWTOWN VENAY HARIPERSAD PERTH VENU KONDAMUDI VERA TATOSSIAN PENSHURST VERA NIKOLIC PAKENHAM VERA POLGAR MELBOURNE VERENA DOOLABH MITCHELL VERMAN DELA CRUZ BERKELEY VERONIKA KIRCHNER PRAHRAN VIBEKE MORRELL MITCHELTON VICKI KOTSIRILOS MELBOURNE VICKI MCCARTNEY NOWRA VICKI NAHAMKES MELBOURNE VICKY TEE PERTH VICKY MICHALOPOULOS SYDNEY VICTOR GOH VICTOR GONG NSW VICTORIA SMITH MELBOURNE VIDA SALEHI NEZAMABADI SYDNEY VIJAY VADALI SYDNEY VIJAYAN SELVAKUMAR ORMEAU VIJAYANANDAM JAYARAMAN MACKAY VIKAS JASORIA ADELAIDE VIKRAM CLEOPHAS JANNALI VINCE ROCHE MOSS VALE VINCENT GALLICHIO WEST PRESTON VINCENT CORNELISSE MELBOURNE VINCENT THONG ESSENDON VINCENT CISTULLI BAULKHAM HILLS VINNY EA MELBOURNE VINOD SHARMA VINOTHAN PARAMANTHAN VIPAL MEHTA STRATHFIELD VIRAL SHAH VIRGINIA SOLOMON SYDNEY VISHAKANTEGOWA THITTAMARANAHALLY KADAIAH ESSENDON VISHNU GOPALAN PERTH

VITHANAGE PERERA VIVIEN WRIGHT HOBART VIVIENNE HUNG SYDNEY VIVIENNE SHARMA MT DRUITT VIVIENNE TEDESCHI MACKSVILLE VLADAN JANKOVIC ROYAL PARK VLADIMIR SHCHERBININ ORANGE VLADISLAV MAKSOUTOV BACCHUS MARSH WAKINYJAN TABART ALICE SPRINGS WARR ANN BRIGHTON WASEEM AHMED GOLD COAST WATSON CHRIS BRISBANE WAYNE WARDMAN BELCONNEN WAYNE BRADSHAW MANDURAH WAYNE COOPER SYDNEY WAYNE RUTTER ULVERSTONE WAYNE LIAO BRISBANE WEE-LIAT TAN INGLEBURN WEI GAO MELBOURNE WEIGANG YU BENTLEIGH EAST WEIHONG HUANG CAMPBELLTOWN WENDY SEXTON WENDY BISSINGER MELBOURNE WENDY FISHER WENDY LI MELBOURNE WENDY BIRD BRIGHTON WENDY WONG BRISBANE WENDY STOKES LEEMING WES FABB INVERLOCH WIL VAN RHEEDE MELBOURNE WILLIAM DONOGHUE BRUNSWICK WEST WILLIAM THONG PERTH WILLIAM KWONG SPRINGFIELD WILLIAM NGUYEN VILLAWOOD WILLIAM YOUNG MT ELIZA WILLIAM INGRAM TOOWOOMBA WILLIAM HUANG DARLINGHURST WILLIAM VON WITT FAIRFIELD WILLIAM CROSSMAN WILLORAM WEERASEKERA WILSON CHONG MELBOURNE WINERIED SEDHOFF KEDBON WIRASAT BAIG MELBOURNE WOODROW WU BACCHUS MARSH WYE YEE HERBERT ADELAIDE XIAO LUO SURF BEACH XIAOJIN RAYNER MELBOURNE YAEL COHEN SYDNEY YA-JU CHANG PARKINSON YAN DAN GOH SYDNEY YASAB ALEMAYEHU YASHAR ZADEH YASHAR ZADEH YASUHIRO TORII NORTHBRIDGE YEHIA ABD EL-BAKY CANNONVALE YEN TAN YETUNDE OLUKOLU ERSKINE YI LING LEE TOWNSVILLE YIN MIN THEIN MUDGEE YIN YEN HO CAMPERDOWN YING WU YING MIIN LAW BAULKHAM HILLS YING SHI ZHOU SYDNEY YING-FAN YVONNE WANG EASTWOOD YOFI FISENBERG YOLANDE KNIGHT PERTH YOOK-KOON SAW CAMPBELLTOWN YORK XIONG LEONG VIC YUE WANG LANGWARRIN YURI RAYMON MELBOURNE ZAHRA RASSOLY OBAYD SYDNEY ZAKIR PARVEZ WINDSOR



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