

Inquiry into the provision of primary, allied and private health care, aged care and NDIS care services and its impact on the Queensland public health system

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My son is on a DSP and is an NDIS customer. It is ridiculous that there are no GPs (that I could find) in his area (Yeronga) that will see him at a bulk billed rate. For someone with chronic health problems and limited income this is a substantial barrier to health care. Furthermore, his psychiatric condition warrants that he is managed by the Mental Health Review Tribunal system, this means that he gets to see a public health psychiatrist once every 4-5 weeks for 15-20 minutes. This is an appalling situation as there is clearly no therapeutic relationship and/or psychotherapy that can be carried out in this time. The consequence is he is now trying to get an appointment with a private psychiatrist who hopefully will do more than prescribe a monthly depo injection. He will have to pay for that privilege from his meagre pension.