
(name of MP)

State Member for

(name of electorate)

Dear Mr/Ms _____
(name of MP)

I'm a patient of _____ general practice at _____.
(name of general practice) (suburb)

Over the last few years, it has become harder and more expensive to see a GP – let alone get an appointment with my preferred GP.

I am aware the Federal Government recently increased funding for GPs to increase free bulking billing consultations for the most vulnerable – children and health care concession card holders. This is a positive step to help our struggling general practice sector.

I was extremely disappointed to hear the State Government will soon be charging independent practitioners payroll tax – effectively clawing back the bulk billing funding secured through the Federal Government to boost their own State budget bottom line.

This decision will have a devastating impacts on those most in need, at a time when so many people are doing it tough because of the sharp increase to cost of living.

As a result of this State Government decision our local practice has advised it will have no option but to pass on this new tax to patients or close their practice all together.

I don't want to lose my local GP or be forced to spend hours sitting at an overrun and crowded hospital emergency department because your Government wants doctors to pay more. Our medical professionals already work hard enough.

(Your situation here. You can talk about your experience with your GP, including getting an appointment and whether the cost has been an issue for you)

As my local member of Parliament, I urge you to save my local practice and do everything within your power to exempt independent practitioners' earnings from payroll tax, as has been the situation for decades, and to protect my local practice from retrospective payroll tax liabilities.

Regards,

(Your name, address, suburb and postcode)