

Parkinson's Tasmania Inc

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The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
P O Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Re: Patient Assisted Travel Schemes Parkinson's Tasmania Inc

Dear Sir/Madam

Our problems are: -

- Accessing neurologists in Tasmania is extremely difficult
- Many of those living with Parkinson's in Tasmania access Neurologists inter-state
- In the past this was available via Video-health Link with a visit inter-state when required
- The Video-health Link is now no longer available through Private Health Funds and therefore these people no longer have access to a specialist
- To enable them to receive appropriate medication and care they will be required to travel inter-state

- We feel this Patient Travel Scheme needs to be available to these people and their carers as the specialist services required are not available in Tasmania

The costs involve air fares, transport while there and overnight accommodation.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Connor-Kendray
President
Parkinson's Tasmania Inc.