

## Submission to enquiry into Biotoxin illness in Australia

I live in Bendigo and have lived in two mould affected buildings. I have spent thousands of dollars trying to remediate these properties but have eventually had to leave these properties.

I have also had other contributing factors leading to chronic inflammatory problems and have a kidney that is constantly inflamed.

I have continual gut problems and have found it extremely hard to find medical practitioners to deal with these chronic health issues.

I try to volunteer but the office where I can do this is musty and makes me ill after only one hour in there my nose starts running and headaches occur.

I have tried allergy protocols and been injecting my self for two years with twenty different moulds.

I have spent thousands on supplements and treatments just to keep myself alive.

I have to travel to Melbourne for all these medical issues as there are no doctors in Bendigo who can deal with mould infections. There are also very few doctors in Melbourne and it has taken years to find one to t=actually treat mould rather than gut issues.

I have been on anti fungal medication for over ten years. I find some shops have contamination and I have to be careful if I try and travel.

After many years of struggle, I have just started on the Chloryestamine but it has aspartame in it and my gut is finding this

hard to take. I need the compounded version which is 260 instead of 6 dollars.

I have had to take out some of my super to deal with these problem. I would like to have research into treatments for those affected as we cannot contribute to society with our limited energy and health issues.

We need more doctors trained to understand this illness and need doctors able to do more blood test on medicare without worrying about medicare investigating for overuse.

We need Australian centre for treating mould illness and also lyme like disease and research into discovering Australian bacterial infections.

We ned help and we need doctors.

It has taken me ten years to get onto the treatment for mould rather than gut issues.

Please have this enquiry to determine how many people are affected and what can be done to address this problem.

Doctors need training and we need a public awareness campaign of this illness.

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