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## **Submission to the Inquiry into Lifting the Income Limit for Seniors Healthcare Card**

I note that the Bill seeks to lower the income threshold for which seniors can claim the Seniors Healthcare Card. This card enables people to gain cheaper healthcare services and medicines under the PBS scheme. This is a good measure to ensure that healthcare is more widely accessible to more people. I believe the government should work to ensure that people have access to affordable and effective healthcare. Apart from increasing healthcare and wellbeing, getting early access to the services and medicine people need can have better outcomes and be cheaper for the healthcare system overall. While it is a simple measure, there are various likely benefits that come from this change. Hence, I support the Bill.

Kind Regards,

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