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To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: Senate Inquiry - The availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia
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ATTN: Senate Inquiry

RE: The availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia

I am 55 years old and have advanced prostate cancer. At present, men with prostate cancer in the USA are being treated successfully with Zytiga or Xtandi **before** chemotherapy. I find it very difficult to understand why Zytiga and Xtandi are not available in Australia on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme before chemotherapy.

Instead of getting best practice treatment, I have to undergo chemotherapy with its harsh side effects **before** I am able to access to Zytiga and Xtandi on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Yours faithfully

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