Dear Senate committee members

I am a patient of a psychologist, and without Better Access Outcomes I could not have and would not have even known to, or been able to, afford such a service. My GP has linked me with an excellent psychologist, which has helped me with years of chronic pain, depression and other traumas.

The new proposal does not look after people like me, and other adults coping with severe and widely differing situations and traumas. I also know of a number of adolescents who would not be helped, because they fall through the cracks...and they shouldn’t.

Access to services will be even further restricted and limited to the few. The new system has not provided more mental health care, just taken it from those who cannot be serviced by the public health system. THIS IS WRONG.

Better Access Outcomes has been such a good service for people like myself – and now we will all be left with nothing.

I was not even aware of this senate inquiry, and have only been given this information that I can “have a say” at the very last minute. I really hope that my say is worth something.

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