

5/12/2014

John McCarthy

The Committee
Secretary
Standing Committee
on Health
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Young Australian
Lawyer of the
Year 1998.

Re: HepC.

I am a Solicitor in Sydney who was diagnosed with Hep C in June of 1998. I implore Parliament to approve urgently medicines to treat this terrible illness.

You should be aware I have written to both sides of the House about this issue sometime ago. I have also written and telephoned the Hon Peter Dutton MP about this disease.

I have also written to my local member Peter ~~Dutton~~ ^{Donohoe} MP about this issue and I have been to his office to express my dismay at the complete lack of progress in treating this miserable illness.

Can the Australian Government act urgently to help the 250,000 plus Australians living with this illness to cure it. I am aware medicine is available ~~for this~~ overseas but not in this country.
Yours Faithfully John McCarthy Solicitor

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Phillip Cranney

5th December 2014

Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Parliamentary inquiry into Hepatitis C; John McCarthy and funding a treatment for Hepatitis C

I have personally known Mr John McCarthy

I know that John's Hepatitis C diagnosis, made in June 1998, has affected him very badly.

I too contracted Hepatitis C. I underwent a successful interferon treatment in the early 1990s. I was one of the lucky ones; having only a 1 in 5 chance of success with the treatment which had significant side-effects.

John has kept me up to date regarding progress in the treatment of this disease; including successful trial in the USA of new drug therapies.

I am aware that that John has written to both sides of the house regarding this matter and that his has contacted his local member David Coleman on several occasions.

I implore the government to act quickly to provide access to treatment to the 250,000 Australians affected by this terrible disease.

Yours sincerely

Phillip Cranney