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Dear Sir/Madam

Commonwealth Funding and Administration of Mental Health Services

I'm writing to express my opinion relating to the changes that are taking place regarding clinical psychologists, which are likely to have a significant impact on clients receiving services

Specifically the cut in the amount of Medicare rebateable sessions available to clients in a calendar year, from 18 to a maximum of 10 as well as the cut in the Medicare rebate for clinical psychologists from \$119.80 to \$81.60.

I was retrenched in 2008 and have struggled to find full time employment since. A few months ago I consulted Ronit Serebro, a Clinical Psychologist, via a Care Plan I received from my GP.

Things have since turned around for me and I am not only no longer needing Centrelink support but am also earning enough money to put in the highest tax bracket. This turn-around coincided with the intensive therapy I received from Ronit. I have no doubt that her specialist training in no small measure was a major contributor as I have seen other psychologists over the years.

Yours sincerely

