

Brief submission

Having Nursed in the 60's prior to Medicare, I can remember the anxiety of patients regarding how they would pay for the health costs, the reluctance of Doctors to order some tests/ investigations to assist in proper diagnosis and treatment due to concerns regarding adding to patient's costs and anxiety which retards healing.

Cuba spends 11% of it's GDP on it's public health system and it covers all patients at a world class standard.

USA spends 17 % GDP on it private health and yet millions are not covered.\\r\\nWhy would we choose to follow their lead?

We are a wealthy Country.

We can afford a universal health scheme if we contain the growth of Health bureaucrats in relation to clinicians and spend a lot more on prevention of disease and keeping people well rather than treating illness.

It will save money in the long term, give people a better quality of life and maintain our hospitals for acute care not long-term treatment.

Most diseases today are due to life-style choices. The successful tobacco campaign is an example of prevention of illness and changing behavior which can be adopted to other conditions such as heart disease and diabetes type2 thus resulting in the saving of millions of dollars.

The Australian people want to retain their Universal Health Care system.

We can make it more cost effective without privatization.