

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of hyperhidrosis sufferers of Australia draws to the attention of the House: the fact that botox treatment into the armpits of sufferers of hyperhidrosis is a proven and the most preferable treatment for hyperhidrosis sufferers. Hyperhidrosis is a mentally and physically debilitating condition which affects 1-2% of the population, it involves hyperactive sweat glands which cause the sufferer to sweat extreme amounts, usually under the armpits, for no apparent reason. The cost of the botox itself for the treatment is around \$600, the procedure then costs about \$200. It is not currently covered by the PBS scheme or Medicare rebate. The treatment lasts from 6 – 18 months, so it has to be repeated. Other treatments include invasive surgery which has risks and undesirable side affects.

We therefore ask the House to: take action to bring this treatment for hyperhidrosis sufferers under the PBS scheme and the Medicare rebate scheme.