TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of residents of Wonthaggi and surrounding district in the state of Victoria, Electoral Division of McMillan, draws to the attention of the House:

- 1. The senior citizens of Wonthaggi object to the recent cancellation of the Medicare Rebate for Joint injections.
- 2. This is a gross imposition particularly on our older population who may require frequent injections to help with mobility and quality of life.
- 3. This was done without any consultation or advice to medical practitioners.
- 4. Because there is considerable expense involved, injections must now attract a charge of \$25.00.

We therefore ask the House to do all in its power to ensure that the Health Minister Nicola Roxon MP make every effort to rescind this unfair decision and reinstate full Medicare Rebate for Joint Injections.