

Submission by [REDACTED] -16 July 2024

I believe the request from St Lukes to have preferred provider scheme with certain dental practices is grossly anti-competitive behaviour from a large dental fund in Tasmania. I believe the same in regards to their tiered rebate system which they are planning for their own St Lukes branded practices. This will be to the detriment of their own members as the same member will now get a smaller rebate and as such be penalised for seeing their own preferred provider (even if the dental fees of their preferred provider is less than that of a preferred provider or St Lukes practice). St Lukes, with information they have of their members, as well as information of other practices via HICAPS will have an unfair advantage and guide their patients away from competing practices. This is contrary to what they said in past that their members can see their own providers and not being penalised with a smaller rebate.