

PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

The Petition of residents of Victoria draws the attention of the House **the inequitable nature of the current level of reimbursement under the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS)**

and points out to the House **that many rural patients are disadvantaged under the current scheme.**

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

- a. **update and revise the VPTAS regulations from 100 km to 50 km one way to the most appropriate town centre with medical/dental specialist treatment, not just the nearest available town centre;**
- b. **increase the current per .17c/km reimbursement rate and accommodation reimbursement rate of \$35 plus GST to levels that are more reflective of the current travel and accommodation costs;**
- c. **allow for the calculation of kilometres travelled to be based on the safest, appropriate road route not just the shortest distance alternative .**

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This petition is to be presented by Bill Sykes, Member for Benalla

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