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COPY TO MR. ROLF KAISER, 971 Resolution Street, ALBURY. 2640.

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Mr. Peter Collins, M.P.,
Shadow Minister for Health,
Parliament House,
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Dear Peter,

Some time ago a Mr. Rolf Kaiser of 971 Resolution Street, Albury, 2640 discovered that he was suffering from Glaucoma. He was told that as a result of this condition, he would eventually lose his sight. Since then Mr. Kaiser has devoted his life (and a great deal of his own money) to redressing the lack of information in the community with regard to Glaucoma.

Mr. Kaiser has travelled virtually the whole of Australia telling people about Glaucoma and how steps may be taken in the early stages, to minimise its effect.

Thousands of Australians suffer from Glaucoma, some two hundred thousand Australians are potential sufferers and although it is the leading cause of preventable blindness, most blindness from Glaucoma can be prevented by early detection and treatment. Initial detection is simple and inexpensive and Mr. Kaiser is anxious that there should be a campaign to test for Glaucoma in work places and other institutions.

Mr. Kaiser has been appalled to learn that the N.S.W. Department of Health has no pamphlets currently available to educate the public about Glaucoma and has been told that the Department considers the cost of printing the pamphlets to be too expensive.

The purpose of my writing is to ask if you might be able to raise these matters with the Minister for Health in the N.S.W. Parliament.

Regards,

IAN GLACHAN.