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Country cancer campaigner gets her Minister!! Fortuitous media conferences bring two together

The country cancer campaigner who has been trying to get to meet the Minister for Health, Tony Abbott for many months got to see him following fortuitous overlapping media conferences.

In a stroke of fate, Mrs Jenny Barlow, of Boggabri in north western NSW who has become a crusader for Radiowave cancer treatment in conjunction with low dose radiation and has been campaigning Federal and State governments to recognise the importance of more options for the treatment of cancer was nearing the end of her media conference at Parliament House today when the Minister for Health came to the same spot to do a “doorstop” media conference.

The moment captured in front of the National Media delighted Mrs Barlow as Mr Abbott then agreed to meet with her on completion of his media conference which he did.

“It was an amazing stroke of fate that Mr Abbott’s and my media events overlapped as they did.

I wasn’t sure what the Minister was doing there but when I greeted him, he was aware of my campaign and agreed to meet with me after he had made his announcement.

It was an opportunity for which I am most grateful,” Mrs Barlow said.

Mrs Barlow spent about five minutes with the Minister during which time Mrs Barlow was able to get the Minister to agree to look at new scientific information about Radiowave cancer treatment in conjunction with low dose radiation.

“The Minister has a process to go through in approving treatments eligible for Medicare rebates and to have him at least agree to review the new scientific evidence on the effectiveness of the treatment is a major breakthrough in making this treatment more readily available across Australia.

I will be following up our meeting by resending him the documentation to him for review through the proper channels and then look forward to a further meeting with him,” Mrs Barlow said.

Mrs Barlow didn’t know what would happen when she came to Canberra on her mission.

“I came to Canberra to lodge an 1,800 signature petition supporting my request for assistance by government to establish Radiowave low dose radiation clinics on the eastern seaboard, to provide a \$100,000 yearly research grant to follow one clinic and to have the treatment made eligible for a Medicare Rebate.

However what I thought was ‘Mission Impossible’ was to get to see the Minister, Mr Abbott but with no idea how to but it happened!

Fate intervened and both objectives have been achieved.

This is such an important issue for many Australians and with the continued and growing community support for this treatment option backed up by scientific evidence I believe there will eventually be a positive outcome that will add years to and quality of life for cancer sufferers and I thank all those who have helped me thus far,” Mrs Barlow said.

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