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Dear Dr Paterson MLA

I received advice of the Inquiry you are chairing from the September 2022 ACT Seniors and Veterans Newsletter. From the newsletter I attempted to access the Committees Terms of Reference via the URL embedded in the Newsletter - <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/incommittees/committees/eccb/inquiry-into-the-waste-management-of-absorbent-hygieneproducts>. Unfortunately it returned the following error code

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As I am unable to access the Terms of Reference I am assuming that the Inquiry will cover not only napkins, but also items such as incontinence pads and briefs. I am aware of many men suffering incontinence due to having prostate cancer and the disposal of the pads is a significant issue for us. Most men who suffer incontinence use between 1-6 pads per day and whilst you are looking at the waste management aspects of absorbent hygiene products, you should also consider the disposal of these used pads. The problem is being made worse by the need to eliminate plastic bags, which at the moment is the only way to effectively dispose of the pads.

Thank you

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