

My name is David Salem and I have been an above knee amputee for 11 years.

I would like to request that the Mauch Hydraulic units be put under the ALS.

I am an active 34 year old above knee amputee that finds a Hydraulic knee units more appropriate for active amputees as it allows me to live a life style that has been robbed of me. In addition, I know a Mauch Hydraulic knee will reduce risk of falls and injuring my good leg and or hips.

This is something that should be considered for all amputees, young or old.

A broken, hip or leg would probably be avoided by having the safety of a yealding force featured in a Hydraulic unit, particularly the Mauch unit. Whether it be uneven surfaces or stairs, there is a level of safety and protection that only a hydraulic knee unit can offer.

Having this available on the ALS would ensure less injuries and a more active lifestyle for all above knee amputees that can't afford that technology, young and old.

I think there is a very strong argument that in the long term this is bound the save the Government money and provide less burden on the health care system.

I hope my submission is seriously considered as I believe there is some unequality offered in Eastern States like Sydney where Mauch Hydraulic units are offer under the ALS. Surely there should be some level of standardization.

This inclusion will be life changing for many amputees like myself who are not insurance covered and lost their leg to Cancer as I did.

If there is anything further required of me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
David Salem