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- The [Herald Sun](#) (page 1) reports that federal Health Minister Mark Butler has said IVF regulation is “on the agenda,” following revelations a patient was wrongly given her biological embryo – instead of her partner’s - at Monash IVF’s Clayton clinic last week.
- [The Australian](#) (page 1) reports that the National Disability Insurance Agency on Wednesday announced it will cut the maximum fees service providers, such as physiotherapists and dietitians, can charge NDIS participants, as part of its annual review into scheme costs.
- The [Canberra Times](#) (page 1) reports that federal independent MP Bob Katter has criticised the ACT government’s observance of Reconciliation Day as an act of “back-slapping tokenism,” which ignored the priorities of Closing the Gap, saying the life expectancy for some First Australians has dropped from 54 to 49 years in some remote communities.
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 3) reports that the Queensland Oncology Repository has recorded 3863 women in the state are currently living with metastatic breast cancer, with Cancer Alliance Queensland senior director Danica Cossio saying it would ensure “the needs of this community are finally recognised”.
- The [Age](#) (page 5) reports that Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas has blocked Eastern Health’s plan to relocate paediatric services from Maroondah Hospital to Box Hill, saying it was

“completely unacceptable”.

- The **Herald Sun** (page 3) reports that University of Queensland researchers have identified a taste receptor gene linking bipolar disorder and poor kidney function, with the study finding that people with the gene were less likely to experience gut inflammation.
- **The Australian** (page 15) reports that hearing implant users will soon be able to stream mobile calls directly to their devices following the successful trial of the Nucleus Nexa System by the Australian implant company Cochlear.
- **ABC News** reports that researchers from the University of Queensland have called for weight-loss medications for people with schizophrenia to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), while a spokesperson for the federal health department said the government “cannot make a new PBS listing unless it has been recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC)”
- **ABC News** reports that new figures from the Bureau of Health Information have revealed a 151.3 per cent increase in the number of people waiting longer for elective surgery in NSW than clinically recommended, with South Eastern Sydney LHD and Western Sydney LHD experiencing the highest rise.
- **ABC News** reports that a new study by RMIT University and End Food Waste Australia has revealed the average Australian household was throwing out approximately \$2,500 in perfectly good food each year because of unclear labelling.

MINISTER BUTLER

Lots of smoke but no cash for Labor

Daily Telegraph, Editorials, 12/06/2025, Page 26

When it comes to cigarettes, where there's smoke, there's taxes. [...] Yet smug fellow Chalmers and his Labor ally, Health Minister Mark Butler, remain disinclined to adjust any tobacco tax or excise settings, regardless of the obvious market and revenue shifts.

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DNA tests following IVF blunders

Herald Sun, General News, 12/06/2025, Sarah Booth, Page 1

Families who've had children through IVF are now considering ordering DNA tests to confirm that the children are theirs. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has slammed Monash IVF over the most recent error, and says IVF regulation is “on the agenda”.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Nats leader fears US beef deal will butcher biosecurity

Cowra Guardian, General News, 12/06/2025, Kat Wong & Andrew Brown, Page 8

Biosecurity will be threatened if the federal government expands Australian access to US beef to escape trade tariffs, political rivals say. [...] Though US beef is up for discussion, Health Minister Mark Butler ruled out bargaining with Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

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Cairns psychologist wait times: Pregnant woman's months-long wait for mental health support

The Courier Mail, Other, 11/06/2025, Elodie Jakes

A grieving young mother-to-be devastated by the loss of her brother and then her partner within weeks of each other has been waiting four months for a psychologist appointment in Cairns' strained mental health system. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said the federal government was “committed” to easing access to a psychologist in regional cities.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#).

[Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Weekly Times Now \(Online\)](#)

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Heartbroken mum urges free vaccines for deadly disease

Canberra Times, Other, 11/06/2025, Sebastian Tan

A grieving parent is urging states to act quickly and help stop a fatal yet preventable disease by making vaccines free. [...] NSW's health minister had asked federal counterpart Mark Butler to consider including the meningococcal B vaccine in the National Immunisation Program, he said.

Also reported by: [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Tasmanian Examiner \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Perth Now \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Thenightly.com.au \(Online\)](#)

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Calls for urgent home support packages after aged care reform delay

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Evelyn Manfield & Maani Truu

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CathNews, Other, 11/06/2025, Rebecca Comini

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MSN Australia, Other, 12/06/2025

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 11/06/2025, Bridget Brennan & James Glenday

There's been a second bungle discovered at Monash IVF in as many months with a Victorian facility found to have transferred the wrong embryo to a patient last week. Health Minister Mark Butler has said he has put IVF regulation on the agenda of a Health Minister's meeting on Friday.

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2SM, Mornings, 11/06/2025, Chris Smith

Australia's independent MPs have united to demand urgent funding for 20,000 additional home care support packages in response to the Federal Government's decision to delay major aged care reforms. Ten crossbenchers have signed a joint letter urging Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler to act swiftly.

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Drive, 11/06/2025, Ellen Fanning

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, addressing the crisis private hospitals in Australia are currently facing in light of the collapse of Healthscope. [...] Butler blamed Healthscope's instability on a takeover by a North American private equity, which imposed unsustainable rents after selling off the hospital properties. Meanwhile, he linked the closure of Toowong Psychiatric Hospital to a shortage of psychiatrists willing to work in hospitals.

Interview continues on: [ABC Radio Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [ABC Radio Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [ABC Radio Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#).

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MINISTER WELLS

More than 4200 students caught up in cash-for-diplomas scheme

The Australian, Other, 11/06/2025, Joanna Panagopoulos

More than 4200 graduates have been asked to prove their aged care and early childhood qualifications are legitimate after a large vocational college was deregistered over an alleged cash-for-diplomas scheme. [...] Sky News host Paul Murray discusses sanctions being slapped on aged care services as the Aged Care Minister Anika Wells focuses on politics over supporting the elderly.

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Aged Care Act: Your guide to knowing what it is and how it will affect you

The Senior, Other, 11/06/2025, Anthony Caggiano

With a start date of November 1, 2025, The Senior recaps what the changes are and how they affect people. [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the Act and Support at Home had been delayed to November 1, 2025 , in an open letter in June.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Men urged not to delay seeking health treatment

Newcastle Weekly, Other, 11/06/2025, Rod Thompson

Hunter MP Dan Repacholi is leading the call for males to undergo routine checks during Men's Health Week 2025. His plea comes as data revealed men have a shorter life expectancy than women and more likely to die from preventable conditions like heart disease, cancer and suicide.

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DEPARTMENT

Help get our dad home

Northern Territory News, General News, 12/06/2025, Cydonee Mardon, Page 1

What started as a holiday turned into a nightmare for a dad now stranded at RDH, unable to get home to Western Australia. [...] A spokesman for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said The National Health Reform Agreement recognises state and territory governments are the system managers of their public health and hospital systems.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#).

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Honours: Who got local King's Birthday gongs?

Canberra City News, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 13

Climate scientist Prof Mark Howden has topped the ACT list for the King's Birthday Order of Australia honours. [...] Dr Bridget Gilmour-Walsh, ACT, for outstanding public service in the development of new

Hills children still shy of vaccine target

Mount Barker Courier, General News, 11/06/2025, Page 18

The latest data from the Australian Immunisation Register which takes in the 12-month period to September 30, 2024 shows that 90.61% of one-year-olds living in the Adelaide Hills Statistical Area 3 were fully up to date with vaccinations under the national immunisation schedule. [...] The Federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said high rates of vaccination were required to achieve herd immunity, which offers indirect protection to those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or age-related reasons or for whom vaccination has not been fully effective.

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Immunisation handbook Japanese Encephalitis chapter update

Pharmacy Daily, General News, 11/06/2025, Page 4

The Department of Health and Aged Care has updated the Immunisation Handbook chapter on Japanese encephalitis (JE). The department notes that a number of JE cases have been reported in mainland Australia since 2022, and ongoing JE virus transmission is occurring in some states and territories.

Also reported by: [Pharmacy Daily \(Online\)](#).

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Outback opens doors for future health workers

Western Herald, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 6

A group of budding healthcare professionals arrived in Bourke last weekend as part of the Rural Doctors Network's (RDN) Go Rural bus tour a project designed to give early-degree university students a real taste of life and work in regional communities. [...] The Rural Doctor's Network administers the Go Rural program with funding from the Australian Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Aged and disability care provider Annecto announces closure

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Else Kennedy

An aged care and disability support service with thousands of clients has announced it will close in July. [...] Annecto said it would work with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the National Disability Insurance Agency and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to transition its clients to other providers.

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Calls for weight-loss drugs like Ozempic to be subsidised for people with schizophrenia

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Lottie Wyford

Queensland researchers are calling for weight-loss medicines to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for people with schizophrenia, after a trial found they didn't affect psychotic symptoms. [...] A spokesperson for the federal health department said weight gain as a side effect of medication was best managed by a patient's prescriber.

Also reported by: [MSN Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Community group thankful for council Covid call

Bundaberg Today, Other, 11/06/2025, Tahlia Facer

The community members who rallied for Bundaberg Regional Council to write letters pertaining to vaccine safety have expressed their heartfelt thanks to the elected representatives who supported the motion at its May ordinary meeting. [...] The Australian Government's Department of Health and Aged Care maintains that vaccination remains the most important measure to protect those at risk of severe disease from Covid-19.

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The little-known development disorder affecting two kids in every Aussie classroom

A Current Affair, Other, 11/06/2025, Davina Smith

In your average Australian classroom, two kids will have DLD - they just may not have been officially diagnosed. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing told A Current Affair they'll keep talking to parents, patients and specialists about the level of Medicare support provided to people with DLD.

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Clinical guidelines to the Restorative Care Pathway

agedhealth.com.au, Other, 11/06/2025

Caring Futures Institute have developed the Restorative Care Pathway Clinical Guidelines , designed to maintain independence, prevent functional decline and ensure a more sustainable aged care system. [...] The guidelines received funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and were written by Gough with Professor Stacey George, Professor Kate Laver, Dr Heather Block, Xing Lee, Shenelle Fernando, Annabelle Law and Madi Chapman.

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Optus wins \$33m contract with DoHDA

Health Services Daily, Other, 11/06/2025

The three-year deal will supply the Department with a managed network-as-a-service. Telecommunications company Optus has won a three-year deal to supply the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing with a managed network-as-a-service solution.

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Aged care in limbo: The delay devastating older Australians

Hello Leaders Australia, Other, 11/06/2025, Alex Jacobs

One week after the government suddenly announced that the new Aged Care Act would be delayed until 1 November, the sector continues to grapple with the repercussions. [...] "I have no idea at this point as to the scale or importance of these updates but the fact that the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing is not making the updates to these critical documents easier for providers to identify and quantify has me pissed off," he wrote

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Outsourcing and ideology: The anchors that are dragging down aged care

HelloCare, Other, 11/06/2025, Jakob Neeland

The delayed start to the flawed new Aged Care Act, now set for 1 November, will leave 83,000 home care-approved older people in limbo while the government and providers steady themselves for the debt collector disaster. [...] Consider the Auditor-General's report, Administration of the Future Fit Program The auditors' report into Meals on Wheels is surely another worrying example of a lack of oversight by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) to manage the complexity of outsourcing and government will.

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Optus NaaS solution wins contract

Pulse+IT, Other, 11/06/2025

Optus has won a contract valued at \$33 million to deliver a fully managed Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) solution for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, supporting its digital transformation. The initial contract runs for three years, with options to extend for another three years.

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Optus snares \$33m federal health comms contract

The Mandarin, Other, 11/06/2025, Julian Bajkowski

The Albanese government has moved to re-secure core communications platforms underpinning the digital delivery of Medicare and e-health infrastructure after the Department of Health signed off on a new \$33 million deal with telecommunications provider Optus. [...] In a sparse statement, Optus said it had been selected "to deliver a fully managed Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) solution for the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, supporting its digital transformation."

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Pedal to the metal – Australian CDC on track for January

The Medical Republic, Other, 11/06/2025, Mariella Attard

After a bumpy moment when the Opposition threatened its existence, the Centre for Disease Control is on the home stretch, with care taken to protect against future threats. Legislation is currently being crafted to make the Australian Centre for Disease Control a statutory body that is as close as it is possible to get to permanent.

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Sharing by default will need to capture the non-Medicare economy

The Medical Republic, Other, 11/06/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

If you're following the trajectory of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's "sharing by default" program – whereby the government is co-ordinating a transformation of our health system technology base so all providers are able to share meaningful data in near real time – you might be surprised at just how fast things are moving, so far without the need for a lot of heavy-handed legislation, which is what occurred in the US to get software vendors to change.

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More click less chat when it comes to mental health help

The Medical Republic, Other, 11/06/2025, Caitlin Wright

The latest Healthdirect report reveals most people would prefer to tell a digital symptom checker about their mental health symptoms than a real person. [...] The federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing engaged Healthdirect to provide rostered nurses caring for residents at selected residential aged care homes with a fast-track pathway for accessing telehealth GPs after hours.

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Tassie could work, even with Epic

The Medical Republic, Other, 11/06/2025, Jeremy Knibbs

The recent announcement that Tasmania is entering into contract negotiations with Epic to deliver a statewide EMR solution to its four major regional hospitals, 14 district hospitals and a series of community centres would have raised a few eyebrows in certain circles of the digital health community. [...] Given the size and demographics of Tasmania – it's small and reasonably compact, neater in many respects than a small greenfield Scandinavian country – and a now stable, willing and aligned federal Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, maybe he has a chance to pull it off.

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ABC NewsRadio, Mornings, 11/06/2025, Chris Mitchell

Researchers are calling for Ozempic to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme as a weight loss treatment for people with schizophrenia although a spokesperson for the federal health

department says it can only list medications after receiving a recommendation from a pharmaceutical company.

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VACCINES

Urgent push for vaccines

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 12/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 3

Queenslanders are rapidly falling ill as temperatures plummet, with Covid-19 infections soaring 30 per cent in a fortnight while flu cases also surged 30 per cent compared to the year before. The new data has prompted Mater's Infectious Diseases Director Professor Paul Griffin to call on Queenslanders to get their Covid-19 and flu jabs, which can be done at the same time.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Max Futchter & Katrina Blowers

Senior Queenslanders are urged to take COVID-19 booster shots as cases spiked 30% in the past fortnight—half of which are caused by the NB 1.8.1. strain. Southern Cross Queensland and other providers embarked on free vaccinations for elderly residents and staff after at least 62 deaths have been recorded in aged care facilities between March and May. Mater infectious diseases director Paul Griffin says a booster vaccine is the best protection.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 11/06/2025, Aislin Kriukelis

Queensland health authorities are urging citizens to get their COVID-19 booster shot after cases brought by the NB strain surged 30% over the past two weeks. Flu cases also spiked 30% year-on-year. Infectious disease expert Dr Paul Griffin says the uptake of a new booster against NB 1.8.1. is poor despite being available since December last year.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 11/06/2025, Leon Delaney

A new study suggests Canberrans are most likely to catch the latest COVID-19 variant due to the ACT's cooler climate. Griffith University research fellow Assoc Prof Lara Herrero says the strain is more common in winter.

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4BC, Afternoons, 11/06/2025, Sofie Formica

Queenslanders are urged to take COVID-19 and RSV vaccines following a 30% spike in cases over the past two weeks.

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Pressure mounts on Cairns Regional Council to back down over retirement village rate rise

Cairns Post, Other, 11/06/2025, Samuel Davis

Cases of destitute elderly pensioners living on the breadline are set to rise with a White Rock retiree warning that a Far North council's likely rate hike on retirement villages will send senior citizens broke. Around 40 residents marched into Cairns Regional Council's offices ahead of an ordinary meeting on

Wednesday morning, angrily carrying placards calling for councillors to reconsider the more than 800 per cent spike in fees

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Love gone bad: Cash splash to help advocacy orgs fight elder abuse

The Senior, Other, 11/06/2025, Rowan Cowley

Seniors Rights Victoria and COTA Victoria chief executive Ben Rogers said elder abuse can come in many forms, including financial, emotional, psychological, physical, sexual, or social abuse. Elder abuse can occur once or many times and can vary in severity. It can include one or a combination of types of abuse.

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Graeme Prior named in King's Birthday list

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 11/06/2025, Natasha Egan

Hall & Prior Health & Aged Care Group chief executive Graeme Prior and Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care chair and founding director Millie Ingram are among 830 Australians honoured this round. Long-serving Hall & Prior Health & Aged Care Group chief executive Graeme Prior has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division for significant service to the aged care sector, and to Alzheimer's disease research.

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Calls for govt to release home care packages

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 11/06/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

In the wake of the delayed Aged Care Act, the aged care sector and federal crossbenchers alike are urging the government to urgently release additional home care packages. Ten federal crossbenchers have written to the government calling for the release of 20,000 home care packages this morning, echoing sentiments put forward by provider and consumer peak bodies and sector leaders.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 11/06/2025, Saskia Mabin

News Pressure is mounting on the federal government to fund at least 20,000 new home care packages for older people who need a bit bit of help to live at home. The government's sector-wide reforms have otherwise been delayed until November.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Drive, 11/06/2025, Kylie Baxter

Interview with Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson, explaining why aged care sector reforms originally scheduled for 1 July have been delayed until 1 November. He says the delay is necessary due to the sector's lack of preparedness, unresolved IT and system issues, and the absence of finalised operational rules. Symondson warns that rushing such a major reform could erode trust and outcomes for elderly Australians.

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Radio National, AM, 11/06/2025, Sabra Lane

The aged care sector and federal crossbenchers are all demanding the Government fund 20,000 new home care packages for older people who need the support. Major changes to aged care were supposed to begin at the start of July.

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Budget faces \$9b hit from NDIS delays

Australian Financial Review, General News, 12/06/2025, Michael Read, Page 1

The Albanese government is facing the prospect of a budget blowout as almost \$9 billion worth of savings earmarked from the National Disability Insurance Scheme are delayed or at risk.

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'Premium' charge for NDIS

Daily Telegraph, General News, 12/06/2025, Julie Cross, Page 11

Disability providers have been charging "NDIS premiums" for some therapies jacking up prices by up to 68 per cent according to the agency that runs the scheme. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) said it had looked at Medicare data, private health insurance claims and data from 13 comparable government schemes and found NDIS therapy pricing limits were out of step with rates charged elsewhere.

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Legal cig sellers burnt by new laws

Daily Telegraph, General News, 12/06/2025, Elizabeth Pike, Page 5

Legal tobacco retailers already being smashed by the black market and organised crime gangs say they've been dealt another blow by upcoming new labelling laws, leaving them to rush their legal cigarettes out the door or risk destroying millions of dollars' worth of stock. [...] The delay means retailers have had to keep ordering and selling old products, and now have less than a month until they are stuck with piles of unsellable stock all while the government fails to stem the flood of illegal smokes pouring into the country.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Men urged to get a GP mate

West Australian, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 18

Men who don't have a specialist GP have been urged to establish a relationship with one to support their long-term health. In Men's Health Week 2025, the Royal Australian College of GPs notes that about 78 per cent of male patients saw a GP last year compared with 87 per cent of female patients.

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Fancy a mid-strength shiraz?

Hobart Mercury, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 3

Penfolds owner Treasury Wine Estates is set to release a new range of no and low-alcohol (NOLO) wine varieties to tap into health-conscious drinkers following the unveiling of a new production facility in South Australia. With alcohol consumption on the decline globally, and younger wine drinkers moving away from the classic heavy reds, the winery is among a growing number of companies making a push into the NOLO category.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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Overhaul of postnatal care policy seriously overdue

Newcastle Herald, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 36

Despite low fertility rates and current research in neuroscience, changes that improve the lives of families in maternity care are difficult to achieve. Research links many current issues, such as bullying

and domestic violence, for example, with poor attachment.

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Living better for longer: The health checks for your 40s, 50s and beyond

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Shona Hendley

A big birthday bash, elaborate gifts, and a home bowel screening test: while your 40th birthday is a milestone worth celebrating, it's also the decade when doctors recommend you start routine health checks. Regular health screenings, such as blood pressure tests, are important for adults of all ages to identify health risks and detect emerging problems early.

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How bad is black mould for your health? We asked the experts

The Courier Mail, Other, 11/06/2025, Sarah Mitchell

Fungi, including mould, are everywhere, but according to NSW Health , 'most people will not experience any health problems from coming into contact with mould. Everyone breaths in mould spores and most people have no symptoms.'

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Aussie men urged not to delay seeking health treatment

Canberra Times, Other, 11/06/2025, Maeve Bannister

Australian men are being urged not to put off routine health checks as early conversations with a doctor can save lives. In the second week of June, Men's Health Week aims to draw attention to preventable health issues and close life expectancy gaps between men and women.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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I've seen devastation wrought by alcohol firsthand. Putting more ads on TV will not help

Canberra Times, Other, 11/06/2025, April Long

New proposed rules for free-to-air television in Australia could allow alcohol advertising from 10am even on weekends and during school holidays .As someone with lived experience of intergenerational addiction, I'm speaking out about this because this isn't just irresponsible, it's dangerous.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Queenslanders jailed over cocaine discovery beneath innersoles of sneakers mailed to Australia

7news.com.au, Other, 11/06/2025, Hayley Taylor

It was a case of "sole" searching when Border Force officials in an air freight facility stopped a drug importation attempt in its tracks. [...] Davis cited Australian Institute of Health and Welfare data revealing: "In 2022-2023 there were 985 cocaine-related hospitalisations nationally, more than two each day on average."

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Public pepper spray trial triggers stinging backlash

The Border Mail, Other, 11/06/2025, Lloyd Jones

Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro said a 12-month trial would start in September, allowing approved members of the public to carry a low-percentage oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray under strict legal conditions. The move was part of the NT government's justice reforms that focus on reducing crime and restoring community safety, she said.

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‘A great opportunity’ to put men's health on the radar

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 11/06/2025, Jolyon Attwooll

Men's Health Week features a 'national reminder to put blokes' wellbeing front and centre' – by booking a GP appointment. Men are less likely to visit a GP than women, a trend the campaign is trying to address. [...] Across 2023–24, women averaged 7.1 Medicare-subsidised GP attendances compared with 5.2 for men, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare – part of a consistent pattern in recent years.

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ABC Radio Canberra, Mornings, 11/06/2025, Saskia Mabin

Australia has world-leading tobacco prices. When you look at the federal excise and shop markups, the average pack of cigarettes, 20 costs about \$40. But do we need to rethink the tobacco tax?

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

No missed calls from Cochlear streamer

The Australian, Business News, 12/06/2025, Joseph Carbone, Page 15

A "life changing" new product from Cochlear will allow implant users to stream mobile calls directly to their devices and upgrade their implants like any other smart device in future. The Nucleus Nexa System, designed and manufactured in Australia, launches across AsiaPacific and Europe on June 16 following successful trials with 12 Australian patients this year.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Australians seeing red over sunscreen rip-off

Herald Sun, General News, 12/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 8

Three of the Cancer Council's four sunscreens tested were found by Choice to not give the SPF 50 protection stated on the product. The organisation says it is getting the products tested by an independent laboratory "out of an abundance of caution".

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Better care for breast cancer sufferers

Courier Mail, General News, 12/06/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 3

In a Queensland first, the number of women living with metastatic breast cancer in the state has finally been recorded, in a major step towards improving treatment and access to care for the incurable disease. It was announced on Wednesday that 3863 women were living with metastatic breast cancer in the state, a treatable but incurable disease that has advanced and spread to other areas of the body.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Young men are fitter but still cancer risk

Courier Mail, General News, 12/06/2025, Jackie Sinnerton, Page 11

Young men love the gym, but binge drinking, eating processed meats and not using enough sunscreen is putting them at risk of cancer, new research from Cancer Council Queensland has revealed. The data released on Thursday comes from young men completing Cancer Council Queensland's interactive Cancer Risk Calculator.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Gold](#)

New figures show cancer outcomes improving in the Territory

Northern Territory News, General News, 12/06/2025, Harry Brill, Page 3

NT cancer data recorded between 1991-2020 was published by the Medical Journal of Australia last month, showing an improvement in outcomes. Acting chief health officer of the NT Dr Paul Burgess said decades of "hard work" had paid off and become the difference in people's' lives.

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‘You don’t have to hit every ball’: Women leaders share key lessons

Australian Financial Review, Other, 11/06/2025, Hannah Tattersall

When Justine Cain was appointed group chief executive of Diabetes Australia, she was intent on doing everything at once.

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My cancer diagnosis was terrifying, but there are more reasons than ever to stay positive

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Tom Switzer

The video released this week by Prue Car , announcing that she is facing her second cancer diagnosis in less than three years, comes as a great shock to the state. [...] According to Cancer Council NSW, overall cancer death rates are falling at an accelerating pace.

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Tim Weale shares prostate cancer story

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 11/06/2025, Tim Weale

An inspiring Sydney dad who is fighting for his life while living it fully has revealed how his journey with stage four cancer has changed how he sees the world. Tim Weale At 44, I was fit, healthy and living a great life when I was diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer in November 2023.

Also reported by: [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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How accurate are sunscreen SPF claims? Tests show that most brands fall short

Canberra Times, Other, 12/06/2025, Anna Houlahan

Many of Australia's most popular sunscreen brands do not offer the sun protection touted on the label, independent testing has found. One sunscreen, advertised as having a sun protection factor (SPF) of 50+, returned an SPF test result of four. Consumer advocate Choice tested the SPF claims of 20 popular brands, including Cancer Council, Banana Boat and Bondi Sands, in its "specialised, accredited sunscreen lab".

Also reported by: [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Several leading Australian sunscreens don't provide the protection they say, according to Choice

The Guardian, Other, 12/06/2025, Catie Mcleod

Some of Australia's most popular sunscreens including some made by Bondi Sands, Banana Boat and the Cancer Council are falling short of the level of skin protection on the bottle, a Choice investigation has found. The consumer advocacy group said it tested 20 popular SPF 50 or 50+ sunscreens from a range of retailers and prices in a specialised, accredited laboratory and found 16 of them did not meet their SPF claims.

Also reported by: [ABC Online \(Online\)](#).

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Popular sunscreens fail all-important protection tests

The New Daily, Other, 12/06/2025

Consumer group Choice says three-quarters of popular sunscreens in fail to protect users as their manufacturers claim. [...] The four sunscreens that met their SPF claims were: La Roche-Posay Anthelios Wet Skin Sunscreen SPF 50-plus – tested at 72 Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Body Lotion SPF 50 – tested at 56 Cancer Council Kid Sunscreen 50-plus – tested at 52 Mecca Cosmetics To Save Body SPF 50-plus Hydrating Sunscreen – tested at 51 Choice said it was highlight that the results did not mean a particular sunscreen did not work.

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Heartwarming update as Professor Richard Scolyer celebrates major milestone after brain cancer diagnosis

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 11/06/2025, Ashley Nickel & Matt Jones

Globally-renowned pathologist Professor Richard Scolyer will complete his 250th Parkrun this weekend despite battling an aggressive brain tumour. The 2024 Australian of the year was diagnosed with 'incurable' grade four brain cancer in June 2023.

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Could AI help doctors better detect melanoma?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 11/06/2025, Karen Burge

New research shows how artificial intelligence could result in more rapid and accurate diagnoses of melanoma and other skin conditions. The AI-powered melanoma detection tool could be 'valuable' in busy primary care settings where access to dermatologists may be limited.

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Posted cervical screening kits a winner

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 11/06/2025, Jo Roberts

A US clinical trial has shown a spike in cervical cancer screening rates by posting self-collection kits to participants. Customising information and approaches around self-collection kits to culturally and linguistically diverse populations is needed, says a women's health expert.

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 11/06/2025, Sharyn Ghidella

Queensland Health has included women with metastatic or stage 4 breast cancers in the state's health data. Previously, women with such conditions weren't included due to the assumption that they were going to die anyway. Breast Cancer Network Australia policy & advocacy director Vicki Durston says these women live—currently numbering 3863, according to Cancer Alliance Queensland. One of them, Larissa Zielke, hopes their inclusion will help lower treatment costs.

Also reported by: [Channel 10 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Brisbane\)](#).

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 11/06/2025, Rory McClaren

Krista Bayer from the Lung Foundation of Australia discusses how Australians at high risk of lung cancer will be offered free CT scans under a new national screening programme.

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PRIMARY CARE

Mushrooms 'scraped off for children's leftovers'

Age, General News, 12/06/2025, Erin Pearson, Page 1

As Don and Gail Patterson lay very sick in hospital, accused killer cook Erin Patterson prepared dinner

for her children. After feeding her in-laws individual beef Wellingtons hours before they became sick with vomiting and diarrhoea, Erin Patterson says she grabbed the lunch leftovers and scraped off the pastry and mushroom paste.

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Minister blocks plan for paediatric shake-up

Age, General News, 12/06/2025, Broede Carmody & Henrietta Cook, Page 5

A plan to transport seriously sick kids from one major hospital in Melbourne's eastern suburbs to another has been overruled by Victoria's health minister, who said she would oppose the axing of paediatric services. After The Age revealed the costsaving strategy, the government stepped in yesterday, ruling out Eastern Health's plans to relocate paediatric staff from Maroondah Hospital to a sister hospital in Box Hill.

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Fudge figures on patient goal

Herald Sun, Editorials, 12/06/2025, Page 28

It's one thing for the Allan government to impose tough targets to cut ambulance ramping levels and improve emergency efficiency at hospitals, but it's a far different thing having the resources to meet them. On Wednesday, the Herald Sun revealed serious allegations of "data washing" at the Northern Hospital which boasts one of the state's busiest emergency and trauma departments.

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Not healthy: extra cash needed to solve spiralling surgery crisis

Canberra Times, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 18

Only a continued funding boost can halt a growing crisis in public hospitals, as more patients wait longer for elective surgeries, officials concede. The waitlist in NSW has grown to more than 100,000 people, just shy of the all-time peak that was reached after widespread cancellations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Bendigo Advertiser \(Bendigo\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#).

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Now, it's on

Hobart Mercury, General News, 12/06/2025, David Killick, Page 1

Tasmania returns to the polls July 19 Tasmania will have its second election within 16 months after two days of talks failed to break a political deadlock. [...] Caption text: Premier Jeremy Rockliff at Royal Hobart Hospital for an elective surgery announcement yesterday.

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The next act in dramatic play

Hobart Mercury, Editorials, 12/06/2025, Page 18

In the midst of Tasmania's political turbulence, Premier Jeremy Rockliff finds himself at the heart of a storm, refusing to step down despite a no-confidence motion passed by parliament. [...] While the Premier's press conference at Royal Hobart Hospital yesterday, where he promoted the government's four-year elective surgery plan, underscored his commitment to maintaining the status quo.

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Food feedback not all a Downer Bendigo hospital's food under spotlight

Bendigo Advertiser, General News, 12/06/2025, Tom O'Callaghan, Page 1

Meals at the Bendigo Hospital leave something to be desired, acute care ward patients say. And they have not held back on what they want to see changed.

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Rule change on medication is welcome but 'more to be done'

Border Mail, General News, 12/06/2025, Maryam Sulaiman, Page 14

Riverina health experts have welcomed news that treating and managing ADHD will soon be as simple as visiting your GP, while acknowledging "there is still a long way to go". GPs will be enabled to prescribe and diagnose those with ADHD, aiming to reduce wait times and the cost of appointments.

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Healthy bond with GP

Cairns Post, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 14

Men who don't have a specialist GP have been urged to establish a relationship with one to support their long-term health. In Men's Health Week 2025, the Royal Australian College of GPs (RACGP) notes that about 78 per cent of male patients saw a GP last year compared with 87 per cent of female patients.

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Surgery wait times jump

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 12/06/2025, Natalie Croxon, Page 1

The proportion of elective surgeries conducted on time in the Illawarra Shoalhaven has fallen almost 12 percentage points in the past year, landing it among the worst-performing local health districts in the state on this measure. But the number of elective surgeries in the first quarter of the year ballooned, with the local health district performing 643 more surgeries than the same time in 2024.

Also reported by: [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#).

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Extra hospital beds set for NQ

Townsville Bulletin, General News, 12/06/2025, Nikki Maguire, Page 7

More peri-natal mental health beds have been outlined for the Townsville University Hospital, which the Crisafulli government has labelled the "next step" in key infrastructure for the hospital. Queensland Health has sought expressions of interest from the open market for 30 beds across the state including eight in Townsville and four in Cairns.

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'Watching a disaster unfold': Calls mount for Crisafulli government to buy Brisbane private hospital

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Marissa Calligeros

The state opposition has joined 11th-hour calls for the Queensland government to swoop in and save one of Brisbane's few mental health hospitals from closure. The financially stricken Toowong Private Hospital, which treated 3000 patients annually, was set to close its doors on Wednesday after administrators brought in last month found no viable option to keep it open, and found no potential buyers.

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Why the wait for surgery in NSW is the worst it's been in years

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Angus Thomson

Thousands of patients are overdue for time-critical procedures as surgery waiting lists soar to levels not seen since the pandemic, forcing the NSW government to pour another \$23 million into the state's hospitals to avoid breaking a post-election promise. The hospital performance results, released on Wednesday, follow a two-year effort by the Minns government to slash waiting lists and will place further pressure on the state's public hospitals to tackle the problem, after doctors accused hospital administrators of "buffing the numbers" to meet their publicly reported targets

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NSW elective surgery waiting lists approach pandemic levels

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025

In a grim failure that threatens the NSW health system, the Minns government has been unable to maintain its early momentum to reduce elective surgery waiting hospital lists. After some initial success

cutting the backlog, waiting lists have crept back close to COVID-19 pandemic levels, thanks to rising demand from the state's ageing and increasingly unwell population.

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Probe over claim staff at Victoria's busiest emergency department falsifying records to meet new workload targets

The Courier Mail, Other, 11/06/2025, Shannon Deery

A Northern Hospital whistleblower has claimed staff are routinely doctoring records — in a practice dubbed "data washing" — to show patients being offloaded from ambulances within target times. Hospital wait times reach record levels Emergency department waiting times are at some of the worst levels on record.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#).

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Extra cash needed to solve spiralling surgery crisis

Canberra Times, Other, 11/06/2025, Alex Mitchell

The waitlist in NSW has grown to more than 100,000 people, just shy of the all-time peak that was reached after widespread cancellations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Crucially, those waiting longer than critically recommended for a surgery jumped a whopping 151 per cent over the year to 8857.

Also reported by: [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Mail Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Health Minister has 'some concerns' over Mildura Base Public Hospital

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Wade Stephens

Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas has told a parliamentary inquiry she has "had some concerns" about Mildura Base Public Hospital (MBPH). MBPH has consistently had among the highest emergency department (ED) backlogs in the state, according to recent length of stay data from the Victorian Agency for Health Information.

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Thousands on NSW elective surgery waitlists longer than recommended, data shows

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Joanna Woodburn & Catherine Hanrahan

According to the Bureau of Health Information, more than 8,500 people in the state waited for elective surgeries longer than what is clinically recommended between January and March this year. Elective surgery waitlists in New South Wales have blown out, with a major increase in the number of overdue operations.

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Hunter elective surgery and ED data revealed in BHI report

Newcastle Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Damon Cronshaw

The amount of elective surgeries performed on time in the Hunter New England health district fell to 75.6 per cent in the January-March quarter, the worst result on record. Five years ago this figure was 98.5 per cent, a Bureau of Health Information quarterly report, released on Tuesday, showed.

Also reported by: [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#).

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12-month surgery waits at Wagga Hospital, new reports show more

Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser, Other, 11/06/2025, Maryam Sulaiman

Wagga Base Hospital's general manager has conceded there is "more to be done" to reduce patient wait times. Jamie Spencer's comments come as the latest quarterly performance report from the NSW Bureau of Health Information revealed patients are waiting longer for elective surgery despite more procedures taking place, as health workers demand more resources to tackle the growing crisis.

What's it like consulting with eight patients at once? GP Dr Alecia Macrow explains

Australian Doctor, Other, 11/06/2025, Rachel Carter

Dr Alecia Macrow started running group medical appointments when she launched a new GP practice in 2021. Setting up her new practice, GP Dr Alecia Macrow wanted to combine health coaching and medical treatment through group appointments.

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Non-doctor prescriber warning

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 11/06/2025

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) has warned against the continued use of non-collaborative prescribing models, saying policy should be directed at encouraging proven models based on doctors and other health professionals working together to prioritise safety and quality. In a submission to a consultation on proposed changes to the National Prescribing Competencies Framework, the AMA expressed serious concerns about the proliferation of prescribing models where no doctor is involved.

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Renewed call for free Men B vax in NSW

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 11/06/2025

Meningitis Centre Australia (MCA) is urging the New South Wales Government to fund a Meningococcal B vaccination program for babies and teens in its June budget, with new data showing the state has recorded among the highest number of cases already this year. It comes after a similar call from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) earlier this year (PD 30 Jan).

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 11/06/2025, Jennifer Keyte

The Victorian Health Department will investigate allegations of data washing at the Northern Hospital in Epping. A whistleblower says ambulance drop-off times were doctored to make it appear compliant. Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas says she has yet to see the hospital's computer records. She was also apparently unaware that Maroondah Hospital had closed its paediatric unit. If true, Thomas says she will oppose it.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Michael Usher & Angie Asimus

NSW Health Minister Ryan Park admits he isn't happy with the state's spike in elective surgery delays. During a visit to Mount Druitt Hospital, he blamed industrial action, wild weather, and a rise in demand for surgeries from older patients. Australian Medical Association NSW president Dr Kathryn Austin says having more complex patients further delays access to operating theatres. Shadow Health Minister Kelly Sloane says a proposed \$23m funding boost is inadequate to address the problem.

Report continues on: [Channel 7 \(Sydney\)](#).

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Channel 9, Nine News, 11/06/2025, Alicia Loxley & Tom Steinfort

Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas insists there are no financial incentives in doctoring hospital performance data. A whistleblower claims the Northern Hospital in Epping is manipulating its books to make it appear compliant on ambulance drop-off times.

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Sky News Live, Afternoon Agenda, 11/06/2025, Cheng Lei

The latest quarterly report from the NSW Bureau of Health shows more patients are on the elective surgery waitlist compared to the same time last year. Between January and March this year, 100,678

patients were waiting for surgeries—just short of 346 patients from the pandemic peak and an increase of 6881 patients from last year.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Parasites prey on Diggers

The Australian, General News, 12/06/2025, Noah Yim, Page 1

As part of its response to damning findings contained in the royal commission into defence and veteran suicide, the Albanese government vowed to wipe the backlog of veterans' claims through the extra \$477m in funding that allowed for the hiring of more than 600 additional staff.

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Is your house making you sad? Here's a guide to homes designed for happiness

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 12/06/2025, Robyn Willis, Page 20

We all know by now that our living environments can make us sick. From toxic mould to poor indoor air quality, plenty has been written about the risks of unhealthy homes to our physical wellbeing. Less, however, is known about the impact of our homes on our mental wellbeing.

Also reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Cops quiz boy, 12, over fatal stabbing

Daily Telegraph, General News, 12/06/2025, Clementine Cuneo, Page 4

A 12-year-old boy who allegedly stabbed a man to death in the state's far west has not been charged while police seek advice about his mental health. The primary school student was arrested at a house in Broken Hill last Thursday after emergency services were called to an altercation just before midnight.

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If kids are losing hope, maybe it's our fault?

Daily Telegraph, General News, 12/06/2025, Lucy Zelic, Page 13

Once upon a time it was considered a truism that in Australia at least every generation would have it better than the ones that came before. That was certainly the case when my father came to Australia and literally managed to save up for a block of land in six weeks.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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Bipolar disorder a matter of taste

Herald Sun, General News, 12/06/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 3

A taste receptor gene has been found to have a major link to bipolar disorder and poor kidney function, an Australian study revealed. University of Queensland researchers examined the TAS2R38 gene, which was responsible for how bitter foods such as broccoli and brussels sprouts tasted, on food preference and health risks.

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Work watchdog ruling could limit access to vital services

West Australian, General News, 12/06/2025, Kellie Cassidy, Page 52

There are grave concerns that a recently awarded pay rise for psychologists could have unintended consequences for Australians seeking psychology treatment, potentially reducing access to care in an already extremely thinly stretched, under resourced sector. The Fair Work Commission's ruling that a range of female-dominated occupations have been "historically undervalued" is an important

correction, that will increase the pay of hundreds of thousands of workers covered by five industrial awards by up to 35 percent.

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Weight-loss drug find

Hobart Mercury, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 11

Diabetic weight-loss medications are effective for people with schizophrenia without affecting psychotic symptoms, University of Queensland researchers say. Psychiatry professor Dan Siskind said a 36-week trial found semaglutide the active component in weightloss drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy was effective for people with schizophrenia who often gained weight while on antipsychotic medication.

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Weight-loss drug is found effective

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 12/06/2025, Page 3

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 11/06/2025, Sandra Sully

A new report by Fortem Australia reveals the cost of treating psychological injuries among members of the NSW Police has reached more than \$1.75b over the past five years. Fortem CEO Michael Willing says 1 in 3 first responders are likely to suffer from psychological distress. Det Chief Insp Garry Sims, a first responder during the Granville Rail Disaster of 1977, admits that his work takes a toll on mental health.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

News Being outdoors is one of the best ways to improve children's physical and mental health, but research shows kids aren't getting enough time outside. Today marks International Play Day, young ones learn at school.

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Channel 7, Sunrise, 11/06/2025, Matt Shirvington & Natalie Barr

A new study by Macquarie University has found children in years four to eight are spending even more time on screens, up to nine hours a day on average. One in 25 children showed worrying signs of clinical internet gaming disorder, which has been found in a separate study to lead to emotional and social problems.

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Channel 9, A Current Affair, 11/06/2025, Allison Langdon

On Wednesday's edition of ACA, the program investigates a little-known condition among children called developmental language disorder, or DLD, which impacts about two children in every Australian classroom. The program talks to 9-year-old Sadie and 10-year-old Jax, both DLD sufferers, whose parents spend up to \$1200 per month on therapies not covered by Medicare.

Report continues on: [Channel 9 \(Sydney\)](#).

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ABC Radio Brisbane, Evenings, 11/06/2025, Kelly Higgins-Devine

Kerry Atherton, founder of Stories of Hope Australia and Worldwide, discusses how every day in Australia, six men take their lives and that rate is three times higher than women. Atherton says there are a lot of problems with men feeling like they can't speak up or speak out to someone.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

The Australian doctors saving lives in Gaza

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 11/06/2025, Mostafa Rachwani

The emergency doctor from the Illawarra, south of Sydney, spent four weeks there as part of a medical mission organised by the Palestinian Australian New Zealand Medical Association (PANZMA), a voluntary organisation. In that time, he only spent a few nights at PANZMA-run safe houses. Instead, he mostly slept within the bombed-out remains of the Al-Shifa Hospital in northern Gaza.

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Health Minister Steve Edgington signals ambo contract will open up after St John 'life saving' procedures suspended

Northern Territory News, Other, 11/06/2025, Zizi Averill & Lottie Hood

The Territory's ambulance service contract will be up for grabs for the first time in over half a century after St Johns was banned from performing two 'life saving' high risk procedures. On Tuesday NT Health Minister Steve Edgington said that the St John Ambulance contract was due to expire in early 2026, with a "procurement process for a new contract" to begin shortly.

Also reported by: [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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Channel 10, 10 News First, 11/06/2025, Tiffany Warne

Allied health workers across SA embarked on a second day of strike action over higher wages and staff shortages. Radiographers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, and sonographers from Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga Hospital want a 25 per cent pay raise, form their deal, and step out from the general public service salary agreement. Protester Matt Schneider says their private sector counterparts have received a 19 per cent pay raise.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Rosanna Mangiarelli & Will Goodings

Hundreds of Health Services Union members at Flinders Medical Centre and regional SA walked off their jobs on Wednesday to demand a 25 per cent pay raise over the next four years to keep on par with Queensland's pay. Protester Matt Schneider says their private sector counterparts have received a 19 per cent pay raise. However, Premier Paul Maguire warned against recklessness on the state's budget.

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

6PR, Drive, 11/06/2025, Oliver Peterson

Interview with Australian Medical Association president Dr Danielle McMullen, expressing concerns over proposed changes to the National Prescribing Competencies Framework, which could allow pharmacists more authority to prescribe certain medications. She argues patient safety could be compromised if prescribing is done independently of doctors, especially for high-risk medications.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Doctor banned for sexual relationship and inadequate care provided to vulnerable patient

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025

A "selfish, cruel and calculated" GP has been banned from practising for four years for having sex with a vulnerable, mentally-unwell patient who he also "dangerously" prescribed high-risk medication. South Australian doctor Indren Moodley's registration as a medical practitioner was suspended in late 2021 over allegations he "comprehensively breached the boundaries of the doctor-patient relationship".

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

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SPORT

Rockliff gets his wish, poll locked in

The Australian, General News, 12/06/2025, Matthew Denholm, Page 1

Tasmanians will go to the polls on July 19 for the second time in 16 months after the state's Governor on Wednesday night finally agreed to the early election requested by Premier Jeremy Rockliff. [...] The most notable of these was the failure to build adequate wharf facilities for \$1bn new Bass Strait ferries, and alleged mishandling of the contentious \$1bn Hobart AFL stadium.

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Baird, Greenberg could turn cricket into a cash cow

Australian Financial Review, General News, 12/06/2025, Zoe Samios, Page 6

The administrators have a big call to make on the BBL that could impact the sport forever.

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Football fans angry over paywall for Cup qualifier

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 12/06/2025, Nick Newling, Page 17

Anti-siphoning laws exist in Australia to ensure audiences can watch live sport across various codes for free. In soccer, the legislation covers FIFA World Cup and FIFA Women's World Cup matches played by Australian teams, as well as the final of each tournament, regardless of Australia's involvement.

Also reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#).

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Umps' right of refusal

Herald Sun, General News, 12/06/2025, Shane Jones, Page 5

Local football umpires will have the power to refuse to officiate certain teams under new rules introduced by a Melbourne competition after a horror run of umpire abuse. In a memo sent to club coaches, the Essendon District Football League confirmed umpires could call off games if they deem "the actions of players and/or spectators as unacceptable or unsafe or is likely to escalate".

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Hope for simplifying coeliac disease diagnosis

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 11/06/2025, Morgan Liotta

Early studies suggest a blood test could eliminate the need for a gluten challenge in a 'major step towards faster, safer diagnosis'. [...] New Australian-led research hailed as a potential 'game-changer' may help to address limitations for diagnosing coeliac disease, as well as identify those at risk of severe gluten reactions and detect the condition in asymptomatic people.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Territory tokensim'

Canberra Times, General News, 12/06/2025, Dana Daniel, Page 1

Independent MP Bob Katter has unleashed on the ACT government for observing Reconciliation Day, describing the public holiday - which is unique to the territory - as a "disgraceful display of back-slapping tokenism." Mr Katter, who has served as the member for Kennedy in Queensland's north since 1993, blasted Canberra for enjoying a day off on Monday while First Australians in remote communities continued to die decades earlier than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

Also reported by: [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#).

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CLP pepper plan cops a spray from the public

Northern Territory News, General News, 12/06/2025, Camden Smith, Page 5

Will it make people safer? Capsicum spray intended to keep people safe will be weaponised to target innocent Territorians and police, critics of the plan have warned. [...] Acting Police Commissioner Martin Dole said the announcement would trigger a "wide-ranging community consultation" involving the NT Police Association, health groups, legal experts and Aboriginal organisations.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#).

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Bob Katter takes on ACT government over Reconciliation Day public holiday

The Courier Mail, Other, 11/06/2025, Josh Mercer

Kennedy MP Bob Katter was upset that the government was giving themselves a pat on the back when the National Institute of Health had released data showing that life expectancy rates Aboriginal communities were still low. "There is not one single person doing anything about it in Canberra, And they have the absolute hypocrisy of giving themselves a holiday to commemorate the 'Yes' vote," he said.

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Tane's son still asks his grandmother: 'How did my dad die?' She doesn't know what to say

The Guardian, Other, 12/06/2025, Ariel Bogle & Christopher Knaus

Guardian Australia has spent months investigating hanging deaths like Tane's in every state and territory. The investigation has revealed a staggering death toll linked to inaction on known hanging points.

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Expanded 'Jack's law' police powers could lead to further 'surveillance and harassment' of some Queenslanders, expert warns

The Guardian, Other, 11/06/2025, Andrew Messenger

Professor Janet Ransley from Griffith University said the "worst case scenario" would be for the expanded version of Jack's law to be used as "another form of surveillance and harassment of those people who are already over surveilled" in Queensland. "That includes First Nations people".

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NT government's capsicum spray trial slammed by Indigenous health body as 'dangerous and misguided'

National Indigenous Times, Other, 11/06/2025, Dechlan Brennan

A proposed 12-month trial allowing the public to carry Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray in the Northern Territory will put more lives at risk and fail to improve safety, according to the Territory's peak Indigenous medical organisation. On Wednesday, the CLP government announced plans for the trial to begin in September.

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Courts' RAP aims to increase access to justice for Indigenous people

National Indigenous Times, Other, 11/06/2025, Callan Morse

The Federal Circuit and Federal Court of Australia are set to launch their 'Innovative' Reconciliation Action Plan on Wednesday. Encompassing 2025-2027, the plan aims to increase access to justice for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples while building on what the Courts described as years of commitment and reconciliation since their first RAP was launched in 2014.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Mosquito disease cases on the rise

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 12/06/2025, Angus Dalton, Page 3

Cases of the mosquito-borne illness have spiked across the Asia-Pacific and, since April, outbreaks have struck Samoa, Tonga, French Polynesia and the Cook Islands. Fiji reported at least 8000 cases and three deaths, and cases are climbing across Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.

Also reported by: [Age \(Melbourne\)](#)

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Widow of man killed by Murray Valley encephalitis warns of mosquito bite danger

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Charlie McLean & Dunja Karagic

Sonia Blackaby's husband, Peter, contracted a fatal case of Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) during a visit to northern Western Australia two years ago. A spike in the mosquito population across the Pilbara

and Kimberley has authorities concerned about the potential spread of MVE, Ross River Virus, and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

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Cell-based flu vax beats egg

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 11/06/2025

New data presented yesterday at the Public Health Association of Australia Communicable Diseases & Immunisation Conference has shown that cell-based influenza vaccines were nearly 20 per cent more effective at preventing test-confirmed influenza relative to traditional standard-dose egg-based vaccines, during the 2023-24 United States flu season.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

Aspiration precautions for diabetes and weight-management therapies

Australian Pharmacist, Other, 11/06/2025, Chloe Hava

Following several incident reports, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued new preoperative precautions linked to these popular therapies. Last week, the TGA issued an alert over use of glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) and dual glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP)/

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4BC, Afternoons, 11/06/2025, Sofie Formica

Researchers at the University of Queensland found diabetes drug Ozempic is an effective weight loss for people with schizophrenia. The 36-week, world-first trial saw the drug helped those on schizophrenic medication lose weight.

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ABC Radio Sydney, 11:00 News, 11/06/2025

Researchers at the University of Queensland found diabetes drug Ozempic is an effective weight loss for people with schizophrenia. The 36-week, world-first trial saw no negative interactions between Ozempic and antipsychotic drugs, nor did it worsen symptoms of psychosis. A Federal Health Department spokesperson says Ozempic will only be listed in the PBS for such treatment after receiving a recommendation from the pharmaceutical company.

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FOOD STANDARDS

'Best before' and 'use-by' dates could cost Australian families \$2,500 a year

ABC Online, Other, 11/06/2025, Hannah Murphy

Australians are frequently throwing out perfectly good food because of unclear labelling leading to food waste that could cost the average household about \$2,500 a year, a new report says. The research

was conducted in workshops by RMIT University and End Food Waste Australia, and aimed to find how labelling and storage advice on products could be made clearer, to avoid people throwing out food before it goes bad.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Susannah Carr & Rick Ardon

New research has revealed Australian households are losing on average two and a half thousand dollars a year from food waste thanks to unclear labelling. Australian researchers found 7.6 million tonnes of food is chucked out every year despite much of it still being safe to eat.

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Channel 7, Seven News, 11/06/2025, Mike Amor & Karina Carvalho

Food manufacturers are urged to improve labelling on their food after a new report revealed Australians throwing out 7.6 million tonnes or \$2500 of still edible food per year. There are calls to improve food labelling, including clearer date markings, larger text, and simple icons.

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Channel 9, Nine News, 11/06/2025, Brenton Ragless & Kate Collins

New research by End Food Waste Australia reveal Australians throw out 7.6 million tonnes of food that are still good to eat, costing each household \$2500 per year. EFWA program leader Prof Simon Lockrey called on food manufacturers to improve their labelling to avoid confusion among consumers. RMIT University Assoc Prof Lukas Parker says a simple smell, taste, or touch can tell if food is still edible.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 11/06/2025, Leon Delaney

Interview with RMIT Centre of Communications and Design Assoc Prof Lukas Parker, explaining why confusing date labels "use by" and "best before" confuse consumers who throw away edible food. He calls for better labels with larger writing and icons to help reduce food waste and save consumers money. Prof Parker says "use by" refers to food safety while "best before" refers to food quality, and that most are still edible after. He says a simple smell, taste, or touch can tell if food is still edible.

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4BC, Drive, 11/06/2025, Gary Hardgrave

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