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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Australian Financial Review](#) (page 8) reports that a surge in mental health claims that have swamped life insurers is the result of public servants choosing private options rather than workers' compensation due to fearing negative consequences. In May the Actuaries Institute wrote to federal Health Minister Mark Butler warning that changing how mental health is considered in workers' state compensation schemes could backfire.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 9) reports that according to the Cancer Institute NSW's latest Sun Protection Behaviours Report which surveyed 11,297 adults almost 26 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds have been sunburnt within the past four weeks.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 28) reports that Australian pharmaceutical giant CSL is on tariff watch following threats by US President Donald Trump to slug pharmaceutical imports into the US with a 200 per cent impost.
- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 18) reports that fake Botox has been seized at the Australian border by authorities. In a statement, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued a warning, saying "These injectable products may pose a serious risk to your health and should not be used."
- The [Courier Mail](#) (page 5) reports that Queensland flu cases are expected to surge as school resumes next week with the state recording 3050 cases in a single week. "Children are more likely to catch and spread influenza, contributing to transmission in the community, but also

young children are vulnerable to serious illness from the flu," Chief Health Officer Dr Heidi Carroll said.

- The **West Australian** (page 1) reports that the University of WA is suing Programmed Facility Management and Schneider Electric Buildings Australia for a freezer malfunction that destroyed more than 46,000 samples involved in a prestigious multi-generational medical study.
- The **West Australian** (page 8) reports that an artificial intelligence algorithm has been developed by researchers from the University of WA with the purpose of better predicting the risk of heart disease in a more personalised way.

MINISTER BUTLER

Mental health claims surge as public servants go private

Australian Financial Review, General News, 11/07/2025, Lucy Dean, Page 8

Psychologists say a surge in mental health claims that have swamped life insurers is partly due to many public servants choosing private options rather than workers' compensation because they fear negative consequences.

Also reported by: [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#).

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Regional aged care concerns

Collie River Valley Bulletin, General News, 10/07/2025, Page 14

Federal member for O'Connor Rick Wilson has condemned the Commonwealth Home Support Program regional loading model as "unsustainable and misguided". [...] Mr Wilson advised he has written to Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler to raise the issue.

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Health in focus at Weddin

Grenfell Record & Bland Advertiser, General News, 10/07/2025, Brendan Mccool, Page 1

Despite there being no specific funding set aside for the Grenfell Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) in the State budget, local health is still in focus. [...] "I will continue to lobby the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler, as well as the Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, Emma McBride on behalf of the Grenfell and wider Weddin community to help deliver better health facilities for the region."

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Expanded support to get more docs on ground

SE Voice, General News, 10/07/2025, Page 3

The number of doctors undertaking GP training in regional South Australia is at a three-year high and will be supported by the major expansion of a new employment model, thanks to the Federal and State Governments. [...] Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the governments wanted to attract more doctors to regional South Australia.

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Former Greens leader Adam Bandt's new gig revealed

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 10/07/2025, Kishor Napier-Raman & Stephen Brook

Former Greens leader Adam Bandt is not resting on his laurels. [...] Former Labor deputy national secretary Nick Martin, once touted for a federal seat before Kevin Rudd intervened, has left as Health Minister Mark Butler's chief of staff.

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Health cente preparing for budget submission with Leichhardt MP Matt Smith

An evolving Cairns health facility fighting for survival has "armed" federal Member for Leichhardt Matt Smith with the right pitch to help lock in ongoing funding. [...] The meeting came as federal parliament prepared to resume on July 22, with Mr Smith seeking advice from Health Minister Mark Butler's office on funding solutions for COUCH.

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Medtech incubators secure nearly \$100 million in government grant funding

SmartCompany, Other, 11/07/2025, David Adams

The federal government is backing three medtech incubators with nearly \$100 million in grant funding, in the hopes of helping Australia's next great healthcare innovators bring their products to market. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler said the funding will help the next generation of medtech innovators build their businesses at home.

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Driving Change summit returns to Bondi Beach

TV Tonight, Other, 10/07/2025, David Knox

First speakers are announced for the second summit bringing together the disability and commercial advertising, broadcast and production sectors. [...] Mark Butler, Minister for Health, Disability and Ageing says: "The Australian Government is proud to support the work of Bus Stop Films as they continue to break down barriers for people with disability in the creative industries.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Haines meets with local NDIS providers over controversial pricing changes

Ovens and Murray Advertiser, General News, 11/07/2025, Page 8

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines is calling on the Federal Government to pause NDIS pricing changes and undertake regional consultation, following a meeting with allied health providers last week. [...] Prior to the changes coming into effect, Dr Haines wrote to the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Senator Jenny McAllister, about her concerns over the pricing changes and requested a meeting to discuss the issues.

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MINISTER RAE

Labor warned aged care changes risk squeezing out poorer Australians

CathNews, Other, 10/07/2025, Debra Vermeer

Labor's changes to Australia's aged care system risk squeezing out elderly people with limited financial means, an industry leader has warned, as advocates call for action to strengthen the reforms. [...] The Minister for Aged Care, Sam Rae, said Labor was determined to make sure the accommodation supplement provided "appropriate incentives so that people who need it most can access care, even if they aren't well off".

Also reported by: [Hello Leaders Australia \(Online\)](#), [Your Life Choices \(Online\)](#).

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Helping hand for a lonely planet

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 11/07/2025, Lachlan Leeming, Page 5

A Minister for Loneliness has been proposed as part of urgent reforms to tackle the growing mental health crisis plaguing Australians, as an international report finds one in six people across the world feels lonely. [...] But a spokesman for Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride said the government had made major strides in addressing issues surrounding loneliness.

Also reported by: [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#)

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ABC Riverina, Breakfast, 10/07/2025, Sally Bryant

Interview with Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride. McBride states headspace provides critical services to young people in the heart of their communities. She notes for young people, particularly living in Australia, the services are sometimes hard to find affordably and close to where they live. McBride adds the Federal Government has committed more than \$900 million to be able to expand the headspace centre at Wagga Wagga to make sure that more young people in the Riverina are able to access that care.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

\$4.8 million upgrade to boost remote Yolŋu health services

National Indigenous Times, Other, 11/07/2025, Dechlan Brennan

The Ngalkanbuy Wellness Centre in Galiwin'ku is set to undergo a major refurbishment, boosting vital health services in remote East Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. A \$4.8 million investment from the federal government — in partnership with Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation — has been secured through the Aboriginal Benefits Account to improve health outcomes for Yolŋu families.

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DEPARTMENT

Thousands of Ozempic scripts written for under-18s, data show

Australian Doctor, Other, 10/07/2025, Jamie Thannoo

Under-18s are receiving scripts for the blockbuster semaglutide drug Ozempic despite it not being TGA-approved for children or adolescents. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing says 625 prescribers wrote 2832 scripts for Ozempic for under-18s between 2020-21 and 2023-24 under the PBS.

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In Practice: Early Career GP conference

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 10/07/2025

Designed by GPs for GPs, the conference will explore the things doctors need to know as early career GPs, preparing them for what is ahead. [...] These will be facilitated by RACGP President Dr Michael Wright and presented by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DoHDA) and the Professional Services Review (PSR).

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VACCINES

Rising flu and RSV in NSW overshadow COVID as new variant emerges

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 10/07/2025, Kate Mcilwain

It's the middle of winter and feels like sniffles are everywhere, with health agencies urging people in at-risk groups to make sure their vaccinations are up to date. News of a new COVID variant may be circling, but at the moment NSW Health says it's actually the flu and RSV causing the most problems.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

94-year-old regains hearing with implant

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 11/07/2025, Lydia Roberts, Page 5

Cochlear implants are becoming more popular among older Australians, as a 94-year-old New England farmer proves. Des Retallack, of Inverell, started losing his hearing while working in his father's blacksmithing forge when he was aged six.

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ACQSC cuts minimum liquidity standard

Aged Care Insite, Other, 10/07/2025, Stefanie Schultz

The Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (the Commission) announced on Thursday that there will be amendments made to its draft financial and prudential standards, first released in February. The Commission acknowledged that much of the feedback in the 32 written submissions and 134 online survey responses received during the consultation period centred on the proposed liquidity standard, with many providers considering the formula "too restrictive."

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Ageing Australia welcomes Quality Commission's report on liquidity ratios

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/07/2025, Caroline Egan

Ageing Australia has welcomed the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC)'s review of proposed Liquidity Standards due to come in with the aged care reforms in November, saying the original proposal could have threatened investment in the ageing sector.

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Govt needs to bring forward review of aged care accommodation funding : Uniting NSW.ACT

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/07/2025, Caroline Egan

The Not For Profit faith-based operator, the largest provider of support to older people of limited means in NSW and the ACT, is calling on the Australian Government to bring forward its planned review of aged care accommodation funding for clients who cannot cover the cost of aged care services.

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Mates seek Govt funding for Cunnamulla QLD aged care after home closed in 2020

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/07/2025, Caroline Egan

When Daniel Manley and Brett Sandy went to their community in Cunnamulla, 800km west of Brisbane, floating the idea of opening an aged care facility in the town, they received 47 applications in 10 minutes and had to take the proposal down from the internet. "It's something that they desperately need out there," Daniel, who has an accounting background, told The Weekly SOURCE.

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A return to the dark days: Negative media headlines are back – can the sector pressure the Government for real change?

The Weekly Source, Other, 10/07/2025, Lauren Broomham

In 2018, just before the ABC's Who Cares? program aired and the Morrison Government announced the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the headlines around home care and aged care turned bleak.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Young people continue to risk cancer for tan trends

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/07/2025, Kate Aubusson, Page 9

More than one in four young adults are getting sunburnt and rising numbers are exposing themselves to high levels of cancer-causing UV radiation with little protection as social media trends promote tan lines and sunbathing routines. Almost 26 per cent of 18- to 24-year-olds reported being sunburnt in the previous four weeks, more than any older generation and a significantly higher proportion than the 15 per cent reporting sunburn overall, according to the Cancer Institute NSW's latest Sun Protection Behaviours Report.

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Tobacco wars entering a tough new era

Northern Daily Leader, General News, 11/07/2025, Damon Cronshaw, Page 7

Hunter New England's rate for daily or occasional smokers rose slightly last year, raising suspicion that the vaping epidemic could be to blame. This rate hit a record low of 11.9 per cent in 2023 but rose to 12.1 per cent last year.

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Free forum, Supporting Complex Dementia, to be held in Geraldton for

carers & health professionals

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 11/07/2025, Kate Campbell

A free information and support forum for carers of people living with dementia will be held in Geraldton later this month. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, dementia is the second most common cause of death in Australia and it was estimated in 2023 that 411,100 people were living with dementia — two thirds in the community rather than institutional care, and more than 8000 in regional WA.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Morning Show, 10/07/2025, Rick Hind

Interview with pediatric nutritionist Mandy Sacher on the Health Star Rating. Sacher says the Health Star rating is not the best guide. She says it is not telling consumers the full story and is rewarding ultra-processed snacks with high inflated health star ratings.

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CANCER, HEARING AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Treatment 'gap' failing WA cancer patients

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2025, Claire Sadler, Page 22

Healthcare providers are failing to provide exercise guidance to their cancer patients despite extensive research that proves its benefits, a WA study has found. [...] She also hopes to implement exercise referral programs across eight other clinical sites in WA through Cancer Council funding.

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Disease that is spreading

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 11/07/2025, Taylor Penny, Page 21

The number of Australians dealing with the hidden pain of Crohn's is growing. [...] Professor Mountifield said the disease was common "There's around 180,000 Australians at the moment experiencing an inflammatory bowel disease (which is either Crohn's or ulcerative colitis), and that number is increasing all the time,"sk said.

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Imagion shares rally after positive FDA feedback on path to phase II breast cancer trial

Adelaide Now, Other, 10/07/2025

Imagion Biosystems is moving closer to initiating its phase II clinical trial for HER2-positive breast cancer in the US after receiving formal written feedback from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Imagion Biosystems (ASX:IBX)said the FDA had provided constructive input on its MagSense HER2 imaging agent study helping to shape the clinical trial design and expected outcomes.

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Cancer patients missing out on exercise as healthcare providers not adding it to treatment plans

Kalgoorlie Miner, Other, 10/07/2025, Claire Sadler

A majority of oncology healthcare providers are not giving exercise guidance to their patients despite extensive research proving the benefits for people living with cancer, according to a new WA study. Edith Cowan University research has revealed less than half of healthcare professionals were recommending exercise and referring their cancer patients to exercise specialists. [...] Dr Kennedy is now working on creating a referral strategy in the South West to allow cancer patients in the region to access exercise programs through a Future Health Research Innovation Fund grant, as well as implementing exercise referral programs across eight other clinical sites in WA through Cancer Council funding.

PRIMARY CARE

Doctor takes waitlists into own hands by opening a hospital

Burnie Advocate, General News, 11/07/2025, Rodney Woods, Page 3

Cheaper procedures and shorter waiting times are what is being promised when the Tasmanian Digestive Centre opens later this year. Dr Albert Nwaba, the only gastroenterologist on the Coast, is behind the centre that is being built on Oldaker Street, Devonport.

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Long-awaited Broome Sobering Up Centre tender up for grabs

West Australian, Other, 10/07/2025, Cain Andrews

The State Government has officially released a tender for the construction of Broome's long-awaited Sobering Up Centre, more than three and a half years after asbestos contamination forced the closure of the town's previous facility. That closure left the Kimberley's largest community without a fully functioning service amid a worsening alcohol abuse crisis.

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Battling flu season and sick kids? Here's what the experts say you should do

ABC Online, Other, 10/07/2025, Caitlyn Gribbin

Every parent has been there — your child is sick with a nasty virus, you're worried and not sure what to do. Do you call your GP?

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Palliative care gets \$3m funding boost

Aged Care Insite, Other, 10/07/2025

Vulnerable patients in south western Sydney will receive a \$3 million boost from the Minns government for end-of-life care, a pledge that follows its earlier decision to strip \$249 million from broader palliative care services. The enhanced palliative care facilities will include a new ward at Campbelltown Hospital and more beds for subacute palliative care at Camden Hospital.

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Have your say on NSQHS standards

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 10/07/2025

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is developing the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (third edition) to improve patient care into the future. The Commission is undertaking broad public consultation until 30 Sep to inform the Standards' development in collaboration with the healthcare system and community representatives.

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ABC Radio Darwin , Territory-wide Drive, 10/07/2025, Liz Trevaskis

Interview with VAD panel co-chair Duncan McConnel on last year's voluntary assisted dying report in the NT. McConnel says they went to a range of places like Jabiru and Nhulunbuy and various locations in Central Australia for the consultation.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Rise in mental health claims a symptom of a bigger malaise

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/07/2025

Insurance isn't just about risk. It can be a leading indicator of policy and regulatory failure.

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Expanding mental health supports needs an integrated system: minister

Canberra Times, Other, 10/07/2025, Jasper Lindell

Improvements to the mental health system must now focus on forging clear links between sustainable services instead of creating disparate supports, the ACT's Mental Health Minister says. Rachel Stephen-Smith said Commonwealth, state and territory governments had been willing to increase the number of mental health and suicide support services available in recent years, making good progress on reducing community stigma.

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New data reveals increase in staggering death toll from known hanging points in Australian jails

The Guardian, Other, 11/07/2025, Christopher Knaus & Ariel Bogle

In June, a Guardian Australia investigation revealed that 57 inmates across 19 correctional facilities had died using hanging points that prison authorities and state governments knew about but failed to remove. In the worst example, a set of exposed bars in cells at Brisbane's Arthur Gorrie correctional centre were used in 10 hanging deaths across almost two decades, despite early, clear warnings by coroners that they should be removed or covered with mesh.

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Tackling mental health risks among GPs – what works?

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 10/07/2025

Doctors are at higher risk of poor mental health than other professions and new research has delved into the mental health approaches that are most effective. Cognitive behavioural therapy was among the most effective interventions for doctors experiencing poor mental health.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

New wave of ambos on street

Daily Telegraph, General News, 11/07/2025, Ria Pandey, Page 26

Dozens of new paramedics will now hit the streets and a major Sydney hospital has reached safe staffing ratios in a boost for the state's healthcare workforce. Sixty-eight paramedic interns will today begin their postings across NSW while six paramedic inductees have started their nine-week placement before joining the service.

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'Our members are furious': Queensland nurses and midwives ramp up industrial action

Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal, Other, 10/07/2025, Anmj Staff

Queensland nurses and midwives have ramped up protected industrial action in their fight for improved wages and conditions. Members of the Queensland Nurses and Midwives' Union (QNMU) moved to Stage 2 action earlier this week.

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WIN Ballarat , WIN News, 10/07/2025, Bruce Roberts

The National Rural Health Commissioner has spoken with students at La Trobe University's Rural Health School about the future of the sector, calling for bold action, local workforce solutions, and smarter use of technology.

Also reported by: [WIN Bendigo \(Bendigo\)](#), [WIN Gippsland \(Sale\)](#), [WIN Shepparton \(Shepparton\)](#).

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

Trump-Rudd meeting details revealed

The Australian, General News, 11/07/2025, Jack Quail, Page 2

Fresh details have surfaced about a private January meeting between US President Donald Trump and Australia's ambassador to the US Kevin Rudd, as the Albanese government continues to face scrutiny over its handling of relations with Washington. [...] "I've made it very clear that the issues such as the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the Media Bargaining Code ... and our bio laws to protect our agricultural interest are not on the table for negotiations," he said.

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

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Trump's toying with us, but his tariff play could still hurt

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 11/07/2025, Deborah Gleeson, Page 26

Australians should feel concerned that US President Donald Trump has publicly toyed with the idea of applying tariffs of up to 200 per cent on pharmaceuticals. [...] The US pharmaceutical industry has been agitating about our Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, which subsidises medicines for Australians.

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

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Pharma giant CSL on alert after Trump's tariff threat

Sydney Morning Herald, Business News, 11/07/2025, Frances Howe, Page 28

Pharmaceuticals Australian pharmaceutical giant CSL is on tariff watch after US President Donald Trump threatened to slug pharmaceutical imports into the US with a 200 per cent impost, two months after asking the US government to carefully consider the consequences of the measure. CSL is an \$117 billion ASX giant and the nation's biggest player in pharmaceuticals, a sector responsible for about \$2.2 billion in exports to the US.

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ALP hit for poor US tariff tactics

Courier Mail, General News, 11/07/2025, Joseph Olbrycht-Palmer, Page 4

The opposition has blasted Labor's handling of the US relationship after Donald Trump's threat to impose an eye-watering 200 per cent tariff on pharma imports. [...] Earlier, fellow senior Coalition senator Bridget McKenzie said Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) has "bipartisan" support.

Also reported by: [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#).

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Trump's attack on the PBS is absurd

Canberra Times, Editorials, 11/07/2025, Page 16

It takes a special kind of stupidity to cast Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the oldest pillar of the most equitable universal health system anywhere, as an assault on the profits of US-based "Big Pharma" corporations who want to charge whatever the market will bear. There is no comparison between the quality of healthcare for "ordinary people" in the US and Australia.

Also reported by: [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#)

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Trump threatens Aussie medicines

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 11/07/2025, Page 10

Donald Trump's proposal to impose triple-digit tariffs on one of Australia's biggest US exports has raised alarms, but many question whether he will ever follow through. [...] His announcement could be seen as a way for the US to chip away at the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme in exchange for a trade deal.

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CSL is 'undervalued' despite pharma tariff threat: Morningstar

Australian Financial Review, Other, 10/07/2025, Gus McCubbing

Morningstar says biotech giant CSL is being "undervalued" by the market despite the risk of a 200 per cent tariff on pharmaceuticals flagged by US President Donald Trump in his expanding trade war.

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Fears Australian pharmaceutical industry could collapse as US President Donald Trump threatens 200 per cent tariff

7news.com.au, Other, 10/07/2025, Caleb Taylor

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's president, Trent Twomey, has warned our domestic production of pharmaceuticals could be at risk if US President Donald Trump slaps a 200 per cent tariff on imports. Trump announced on Tuesday, local time, he intends on using the tariffs to bring manufacturing back to the US.

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Trump flags massive tariffs on Australian pharmaceuticals. What's at risk?

The New Daily, Other, 10/07/2025, Joe Carrello

The proposed tariffs come amid growing pressure from pharmaceutical lobby groups in the US. [...] The proposed tariffs come amid growing pressure from pharmaceutical lobby groups in the US for Trump to use trade negotiations as a tool to make changes to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and raise Australian drug prices.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 10/07/2025, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with former administration official under presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush Kim Hoggard on a possible 200 per cent tax on pharmaceutical imports. Hoggard says US president Donald Trump sees tariffs as a way to bring money into the US. She advises the Australian government to stay calm but carry on with a strategic plan. She also suggests dealing with the US on this subject on a bipartisan approach.

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Sky News Live, Sharri, 10/07/2025, Sharri Markson

Interview with The Australian economics correspondent Matthew Cranston on US president Donald Trump announcing a 200 per cent import tax on foreign pharmaceutical goods. Cranston talks about CSL chairman Brian McNamee, who urged the Albanese government to make the PBS more efficient and allow innovative American drugs into Australia faster, as well as to think about the pricing mechanism.

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Sky News Live, The Bolt Report, 10/07/2025

Interview with Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce on US president Donald Trump's threatened tariffs on pharmaceuticals. Joyce says the PBS is a very good scheme, but if you want to keep the export of over \$2b worth of pharmaceuticals into the US, you have to ask what it is exactly the US is asking for and if Australia participate in the process.

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ABC Radio Perth, Statewide Mornings, 10/07/2025, Nadia Mitsopoulos

Interview with Orthocell chair John Van Der Wielen on US president Donald Trump's 200 per cent tariff on pharmaceuticals imported into the US. Van Der Wielen says the headline is concerning but that there is a difference between products as pharmaceuticals is really broad. He asks, does it include medical devices, a heart valve, cochlear ear transplants, or just paracetamol and saline?

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FIVEAA, Afternoons, 10/07/2025, Leith Forrest

Interview with House of Wellness' Gerald Quigley on the US proposed tariffs on pharmaceuticals. Quigley says it would be a pity if ever the PBS was compromised in any way as it has been going since about 1948 and serves Australia well.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 10/07/2025, Graeme Goodings

Interview with Pharmacy Guild of Australia president Trent Twomey on US president Donald Trump's 200 per cent tariffs on pharmaceuticals. Twomey reassures listeners that medications will not go up at their local pharmacies. He says American-made medicines are more expensive in America than they are in Australia, which is what Trump is really angry about.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS AND RESEARCH

Medical research bungle revealed

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2025, Matt McKenzie, Page 1

Nearly 40 years worth of medical research was allegedly destroyed after a freezer malfunction

compromised a "significant proportion" of award-winning work. Now, the two businesses responsible for storing the sample taken from generations of families are being sued by the University of WA for the alleged bungle in April 2020.

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Proteins hold great promise

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2025, Page 5

Australian scientists have used artificial intelligence to generate a ready-to-use biological protein, in this case, one that can kill antibiotic resistant bacteria like E. coli. There has been a recent surge in proteins developed by AI that will eventually be used in the treatment of everything from snakebites to cancer.

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UWA researchers create AI algorithm to improve heart attack risk prediction

West Australian, General News, 11/07/2025, Oliver Lane, Page 8

WA researchers have developed an artificial intelligence algorithm to better predict the risk of heart disease in a more personalised way. The previous method of further testing for identifying risk was a coronary artery calcium score following a CT scan.

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

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'Speed and ease': Australian scientists' AI breakthrough changes drug science

The Australian, Other, 10/07/2025, James Dowling

Australians progressing the work of a Nobel prize-winning chemist have developed a superbug-destroying protein using artificial intelligence, a watershed moment in the science of drug synthesis. American biochemist David Baker was last year recognised with the Nobel prize in Chemistry for his work developing an AI model that can formulate proteins for medical application from their amino acid building blocks.

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St Vincent's Hospital Melbournes study monitors pregnant women with IBD

Gold Coast Bulletin, Other, 10/07/2025, Sarah Booth

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Herald Sun, General News, 11/07/2025, Fergus Ellis, Page 6

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