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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Australian \(page 1\)](#)** reports that documents obtained under freedom of information laws showed former gender equality ambassador Stephanie Copus Campbell said UN special rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, had “taken a fairly difficult position on transgender rights in a way that doesn’t conform with our views” and they were dealing with those concerns. Ms Alsalem said governments are entitled to disagree with them, but must not undermine their independence and work.
- **[The Australian \(page 4\)](#)** reports that Assistant Minister for Women and Health Rebecca White has announced 11 new federally funded, bulk-billed endometriosis clinics opening early next year in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and WA. Ms White said the clinics “are about dignity, early intervention and better outcomes for all women”, and Health Minister Mark Butler said these will improve access to specialised care for every age.
- **[The Daily Telegraph \(page 5\)](#)** reports that the number of aged-care beds in Australia increased by 578 last year, below the 800 stated by the Federal Government, with Victoria recording the biggest increase, according to an analysis by Boxwell & Co. Aged Care Minister Sam Rae said they are working with the sector to improve investment. *Also reported by: [The Herald Sun](#)*
- **[The Australian \(page 3\)](#)** reports that some members of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians have written to the ASIC and regulator calling for an independent investigation into

the college's governance, alleged misuse of funds and lack of respect from the board.

- **The Herald Sun (page 5)** reports that almost 900 Ambulance Victoria staff will launch industrial action from Tuesday after more than six months of pay negotiations, with members saying they need a fair wage increase.
- **The Daily Telegraph (online)** reports that NSW and Queensland have issued measles alerts after cases were detected at the recent Oasis concert in Sydney and Jelly Roll concert in Brisbane, advising those who attended and visited to monitor for symptoms. *Also reported by: The Courier Mail, ABC Online*
- **The West Australian (online)** reports that Professor David Amaral from the University of California told the Asia Pacific Autism Conference in Perth that long waits for autism diagnosis hinder early intervention, and their new research suggests that autism can change over time, with 10 per cent of children diagnosed at age three can improve by age 11.
- **ABC Online** reports that some Australians are facing wait times of up to six years to see public health specialists like neurologists and ENT surgeons, with AMA vice president Julian Rait saying delays can worsen patients' health or cause irreversible complication.

MINISTER BUTLER

Labor secretly tried to block UN official on women's rights

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, Stephen Rice, Page 1

The Albanese government secretly intervened in international forums against the UN special rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, over her support for women's sex-based rights, newly released documents suggest. [...] After the last election, Health Minister Mark Butler launched a review into best practices for gender-distressed children due for mid-2026.

Also reported by: The Australian (Online).

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Rollout of clinics to treat endometriosis

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, James Dowling, Page 4

Eleven federally funded endometriosis clinics will open at the start of next year in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, providing bulk-billed women's healthcare. [...] "For too long, women and girls living with pain have had to struggle in silence, but the Albanese government is changing that with these endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics giving them access to the expertise, care and specialist support they need," Health Minister Mark Butler said.

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Our aged care bed shame

Daily Telegraph, General News, 14/11/2025, Julie Cross, Page 5

The number of aged-care beds in Australia increased by just 578 in the last financial year, lower than the 800 claimed by the federal government and woefully short of the 10,600 extra beds needed each year to keep up with demand, according to a report. [...] Earlier this week NSW Health Minister Mark Butler spoke out about the "broken" aged-care system after hearing of the plight of Anna Romanik, 80, who has advanced dementia, and had applied to 21 facilities for a bed but had no takers.

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Health Minister talks up bulk-billing initiative

The Extra (Albany), General News, 14/11/2025, Caitlyn Rintoul, Page 8

Health Minister Mark Butler says he expects almost a thousand Australian general practices will become fully bulk-billed under a new incentives scheme which began on November 1. The scheme is part of Labor's \$8.5 billion Medicare election promise to make nine out of 10 GP visits bulk-billed by 2030.

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'Postcode lottery' for cancer care

PerthNow Central, General News, 13/11/2025, Liam Murphy, Page 12

Fresh pressure is mounting on the State and Federal governments to end the "postcode lottery" in cancer treatment services, with a petition calling for subsidised radiation therapy in Perth's east now signed by more than 1800 people. [...] PerthNow has reached out to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler's office for comment.

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Joondalup endometriosis and pelvic pain clinic to open in 2026 under Federal Government program

West Australian, Other, 14/11/2025, Hannah Cross

West Australians will soon have access to a third Perth clinic dedicated to endometriosis and pelvic pain following further investment from the Federal Government. [...] Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler said the government is "levelling the playing field for women and girls by investing in a modern, stronger Medicare that meets the needs of women at every age and stage".

Also reported by: [North West Telegraph \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Narrogin Observer \(Online\)](#), [Augusta-Margaret River Times \(Online\)](#).

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St Luke's Family Practice in Wagin participate in Federal Government's new Bulk Billing Incentive Program

West Australian, Other, 13/11/2025

Bulk billing has been reinstated for rural patients in the southern Wheatbelt after a medical practice jumped to participate in the Federal Government's new incentive program. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said 126 clinics across the State had decided to participate in the incentives scheme ahead of the November start date.

Also reported by: [Geraldton Guardian \(Online\)](#), [Manjimup-Bridgetown Times \(Online\)](#), [Pilbara News \(Online\)](#), [Midwest Times \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#), [Countryman \(Online\)](#), [Albany Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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Aus CDC bill passes Senate

Aged Care Insite, Other, 13/11/2025, Stefanie Schultz

The Australian government has taken a significant step in protecting the nation's health security, with legislation to establish an independent Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) successfully passing the Senate. [...] Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Butler said the CDC aims to build trust in the health system.

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President's update: Remembrance Day, GP scope and aged care role, and more

Australian Medical Association, Other, 13/11/2025

Hello, and happy Friday! It's been a week in which I barely caught a breath, with meetings, flights to catch, media interviews to do and somewhere amongst it all, getting to see my patients. [...] I met with the health minister Mark Butler at Parliament House this week and discussed this, as well as a range of other issues which need urgent solutions, including hospital funding and aged care.

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Housing ACT deregistered from NDIS SDA specialist disability funding

Braidwood Times, Other, 13/11/2025, Lanie Tindale

Canberra public housing tenants with severe disabilities may have been denied home modifications due to Housing ACT inaction, several politicians claim. [...] Mr Emerson and Mr Pocock wrote to ACT Chief Minister and federal Disability Minister Mark Butler on Tuesday.

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Productivity Commission says landmark national agreement failing

The Productivity Commission said Australia's mental health and suicide prevention system was out of reach for many, and the national agreement needed a complete rewrite. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler acknowledged the need for further work and said the report would be brought to the next meeting with his state counterparts to discuss reform.

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Why general practice keeps failing: the economics no one wants to discuss

Health Services Daily, Other, 13/11/2025, Alex McKenzie

Australia's gp crisis is not a workforce failure but a predictable policy failure—the result of fundamental market failures that current government policy actively makes worse. GPs and economists have more in common than you might think. [...] Government denial Health minister Mark Butler recently rejected concerns about six-minute medicine: "I know there's this thing going around that this is going to create six-minute medicine, that is a red herring.

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US policy challenges Australia's PBS

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2025

The Federal Government has reiterated the pressures being felt by Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as the scheme takes the weight of policy moves in the United States. [...] Speaking at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's annual parliamentary dinner, which brought together some 400 guests including parliamentarians, stakeholders and pharmacists, Federal Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler highlighted 'real pressures' being placed on medicine access and affordability.

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Cut cigarette excise tax, says local MP Aldred

South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, Other, 13/11/2025

Appalled by a recent rise in smoking, particularly amongst young people, Member for Monash Mary Aldred MP has called for a cut in the excise tax on legal cigarettes. [...] Responding to Mary Aldred's suggestion to lower the tax excise on cigarettes, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said he would be concerned it could make smoking even more attractive.

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GPs mount opposition to midwife contraception item

The Medical Republic, Other, 13/11/2025, Holly Payne

The RACGP has issued a submission arguing against expanding MBS access for long-acting reversible contraceptives to endorsed midwives. [...] The MRAC review itself was requested in June 2024 by Health Minister Mark Butler.

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ABC News, ABC News Day, 13/11/2025, Ros Childs

Recent figures reveal that some parts of Australia are facing wait times of more than six years to see specialists, such as Neurologists. Health Minister Mark Butler stated that the Commonwealth is doing all it can to bring doctors into the health system broadly, targeting both state public hospital systems and private systems.

Also reported by: [ABC News \(Sydney\)](#), [ABC \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC \(Brisbane\)](#)

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Channel 7, National News At Noon, 13/11/2025, Natarsha Belling

Treatment for blood cancer, "Darzalex" has now been added to the PBS. The Federal Government is funding the new frontline treatment, which is an immunotherapy that essentially finds cancerous cells and signals the body's immune system to destroy them. Health Minister Mark Butler says hundreds and hundreds of patients every single year will have access to the treatment.

Also reported by: [SBS \(Sydney\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Perth\)](#), [Channel 10 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 7 \(Melbourne\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Brisbane\)](#).

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Sky News Regional, Breakfast, 13/11/2025, Jaynie Seal

Treatment for a rare blood cancer will now be covered by the pharmaceutical benefit scheme. Daratumumab will be added as frontline therapy for myeloma patients who can't undergo stem cell treatment. Health Minister Mark Butler is expected to make the announcement today.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Disability advocates demand more clarity on sweeping NDIS overhaul

Redland Bayside News, Other, 13/11/2025

Disability advocates are demanding the Federal Government explain how new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) assessments will work, warning the proposed overhaul could be distressing and disempowering for participants if they lose control over how their needs are measured. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister announced the change in September, describing it as a shift toward simpler, faster and more equitable decision-making.

Also reported by: [Local Ipswich News \(Online\)](#).

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MINISTER RAE

Aged care beds on rise

Herald Sun, General News, 14/11/2025, Julie Cross, Page 8

More new aged care beds were created in Victoria in the past financial year than all other states combined, according to a report. [...] Aged Care Minister Sam Rae acknowledged facilities were ageing and capital was constrained.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#), [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Hobart Mercury \(Hobart\)](#).

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Aged care reform blunder

Gladstone Today, General News, 13/11/2025, Penny Allman, Page 28

On 1 November, Labor's new Aged Care Act took effect. [...] Just the other week Aged Care Minister Sam Rae bragged about the fact that providers' profits were increasing.

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Minister watching impact of co-payments

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Speaking with AAA at the AAG Conference in Alice Springs, Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said the government will make 'whatever adjustments are required' to the reforms to get the best outcomes for older people. The government is monitoring for impacts to clinical care from the reform process "really closely", Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae told Australian Ageing Agenda in response to a question about older people pulling away from services due to co-payments.

Also reported by: [Community Care Review \(Online\)](#).

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Aged Care Minister: "major focus of my work going forward"

The Weekly Source, Other, 13/11/2025, Caroline Egan

The Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, said he was both relieved and excited that the new Aged Care Act is now in place. In an expansive speech at the Committee for Economic Development of Australia's Charing the Future of Aged Care event on Monday, the Minister said a key test of the reforms will be whether enough high-quality aged care accommodation is built to meet the incoming demand - pointing out that within a decade, one in five Australians will be over 65.

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

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Australia's running out of aged care beds – and out of time

The Weekly Source, Other, 13/11/2025, Lauren Broomham

Colliers' new Residential Aged Care Market Report confirms what everyone in the sector has felt in their bones: Australia's aged care system is on a collision course. [...] In his CEDA address this week, Aged Care Minister Sam Rae admitted aged care can't be solved in isolation: "We must explore new models of care and accommodation, and link aged care to the broader national conversation about housing."

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Teams win deserved praise

Northern Territory News, General News, 14/11/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 14

An Alice Springs suicide prevention team said cultural safety, genuine care and hard life experiences are what drives their award-winning service. [...] Emma McBride MP (Left) with Rachel and Sheena Abbott and Rural Health Pro Manager Jessica Rostas from the Culture Care Connect Suicide Prevention Team, Alice Springs.

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More GPs set to bulk bill

Coast Community Pelican Post, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 28

More Central Coast residents will soon be able to see their local GP for free, with a new \$8.5B investment in Medicare by the Federal Government. [...] Member for Dobell Emma McBride as a pharmacist and a local MP, she knows the difference this will make to locals.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Rollout of clinics to treat endometriosis

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, James Dowling, Page 4

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WIN Hobart, WIN News, 13/11/2025, Bruce Roberts

There is a disagreement over the extent of the positive impact the Federal Government's new approach to bulk billing is having across Tasmania. Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White

highlighted the low base for comparison, stating that before November 1st, only nine Tasmanian practices were fully bulk billed.

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LA FM, 12:00 News, 13/11/2025

Tasmania has seen the largest increase in bulk billing of any state or territory since the Federal Government introduced its Medicare initiatives. Assistant Health Minister Rebecca White confirmed that six practices in her home electorate of Lyons have already made the transition. Overall, the state has seen a 400% increase in bulk billing since 1 November.

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DEPARTMENT

Leading complex health and aged care systems through change: some expert advice

Croakey, Other, 13/11/2025, Melissa Sweet

Health leaders are navigating an increasingly complex, challenging landscape that requires adaptive styles of leadership valuing connectivity, distributed decision-making, compassion and kindness, a recent conference was told. [...] Professor Emily Lancsar, Chief Health Economist at the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, provided a keynote address on economics in Australian health policy, including outlining Victoria's important contribution.

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Army veteran walking around Australia for charity reported to police over assistance dog

Your Life Choices, Other, 13/11/2025

Well into their walk around Australia for charity, army veteran Garth Murray decided to treat himself and assistance dog Max to a comfortable night in a regional South Australian pub. [...] A spokesperson for the Department of Health Disability and Ageing said the government was currently working on a set of "national principles" to improve consistency across the states and territories.

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ABC NewsRadio, Breakfast, 13/11/2025, Thomas Oriti

Compere says they just received a statement from a spokesperson for the Federal Health Department saying the Government is investing a record amount in public hospitals. He notes the statement says all Australians deserve access to affordable and timely specialist health care, and states and territories are the system managers of their public hospital systems, responsible for the day-to-day administration and performance of their public hospitals, including the management of specialist waiting lists.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

WA Govt announces seniors road trauma research project

The WA Government has announced a commitment to improve road safety for those most impacted by road trauma through a new partnership with Western Australia's seniors peak body, Advocare. Over the next three years, Advocare will work with older Western Australians to better understand the factors that shape their driving experience.

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Researchers discuss frailty, reducing hospitalisation

Community Care Review, Other, 13/11/2025, Katarina Lloyd Jones

The number of older adults impacted by frailty is expected to grow, but the onset of frailty often goes unnoticed as there are inconsistencies in screening processes. The language surrounding frailty is also very institutionalised, ACH Group head of health Barbara Tainsh told delegates at the 2025 Australian Association of Gerontology Conference in Alice Springs this week.

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High amount of over 50s report being treated differently to other ages

The Senior, Other, 13/11/2025, Lisa Edser

A new report has discovered 62 per cent of "older Australians" are being treated differently due to their age, prompting one expert to describe ageism as a problem everyone needs to come together to address. With a whopping 60 per cent of over 50s not feeling valued by society, ageism can have deep ramifications, even impacting a person's "mental and emotional wellbeing ", according to the Council on the Ageing NSW (COTA).

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10 free apps every Australian senior should have on their phone

The Senior, Other, 13/11/2025, Phoebe Loomes

With more than two million apps now available, it can be hard to know where to begin when setting up a new phone. With scams running rampant, it's more important than ever to equip your device with trusted, reputable apps - especially when communicating with family, paying bills or managing day-to-day life online.

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Colliers report: residential aged care near 100% occupancy

The Weekly Source, Other, 13/11/2025, Lauren Broomham

New data shows the number of operational beds grew by just a fraction last financial year as demand surged ahead. The new Residential Aged Care Market Report, released by Colliers and compiled by Boxwell & Co's Darren Lynch, reveals the sector added only 578 new residential aged care places in FY25, far below the projected increase in demand of more than 9,000 residents.

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Customers "refusing Support at Home over higher prices"

The Weekly Source, Other, 13/11/2025, Caroline Egan

Less than two weeks into the Government's new in-home aged care program, and there are signs some new consumers are unwilling to pay higher prices for their care. Adrian Morgan, the General Manager of Queensland home care provider, Flexi Care, said he has had clients turn down Support at Home already, and says it is "common" now for existing customers to cut back on services due to higher prices under Support at Home.

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HammondCare plays the long game in aged care

The Weekly Source, Other, 13/11/2025, Caroline Egan

HammondCare has doubled down on its complex care strategy, investing heavily in technology in 2024-25. The spend hit earnings, but with zero bank debt at 30 June, the provider says it's positioned for growth.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Abused after Trust blunder

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2025, Elizabeth Henson, Page 9

An Adelaide man's house has been attacked and his family threatened with gang-rape after an online troll impersonated an NDIS worker to trick the South Australian Housing Trust into disclosing his home address then posted it on social media. The Housing Trust says releasing the man's address to a bogus disability worker was a "regrettable error" and it has offered him emergency accommodation and an "urgent transfer" to another house, while the worker who was duped has been counselled.

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'People don't understand 24/7 care': North East NDIS battle explained

The Border Mail, Other, 13/11/2025, Hana Humboldt

It's an all too rare case of a self-managed NDIS fund success story, but one written in 17 years' worth of a mother's blood, sweat and tears. Yackandandah-based Meg's Care Team, composed of five incredible women, provides what mother Kate Palmer describes as phenomenal care for her daughter, Meg Casley, who was born with level 5 cerebral palsy - the most severe category according to the Gross Motor Function Classification System.

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PRIMARY CARE

Doctors want probe of 'college in crisis'

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, Penny Timms, Page 3

A group of members of the beleaguered Royal Australasian College of Physicians have asked the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and the charities regulator to urgently investigate the college's inner workings, saying the agencies had received anonymous tip-offs. "Both ASIC and ACNC have received several whistleblower reports and complaints about the college," according to a letter sent to RACP members by the group of "Concerned Members".

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Filling gaps in trust

Air Force News, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 10

Supporting the dental health team at the Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Primary Health Care Services Clinic in Mareeba, FLTLT Michael Pichler was one of many Air Force specialists delivering local health outcomes. "It's more than just fixing teeth," FLTLT Pichler said.

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RACGP reveals AGM voting outcomes

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2025

On the eve of the official opening of the GP25 conference, around 100 RACGP members gathered at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, on Turrbal and Jagera Country, joined by several members online, to vote on the future direction of the college. The 68th RACGP Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on 13 November, where members voted on important changes via two Ordinary Resolutions and eight Special Resolutions to amend clauses in the RACGP Constitution.

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Brittany Higgins social media post as Linda Reynolds defamation case seeks bankruptcy ruling for rape victim

West Australian, Other, 13/11/2025, Max Corstorphan

As Australia learnt that Brittany Higgins would likely soon be declared bankrupt after not paying ex-Liberal Senator, and former boss, Linda Reynolds a cent towards legal bills from a high-profile defamation case, the rape survivor posted on social media. [...] According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, less than eight per cent of women who are victim-survivors of sexual assault in the 10 years prior to 2022 contacted police.

Also reported by: [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#)

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Why young, child-free men like Trent are choosing permanent contraception

SBS, Other, 13/11/2025, Matt Gazy

Trent is among the men choosing a vasectomy, challenging ideas around contraception and rethinking having kids in a world of rising costs. When 34-year-old high school teacher Trent Crowe walked into a Sydney clinic for his vasectomy last March, he wasn't nervous.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Reforms reined in for assisted dying

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, Anthony Galloway, Page 2

The Allan government has been forced to gut parts of its voluntary assisted dying reforms, retreating under pressure to create more protections for conscientious objectors and deny a wide range of health practitioners the ability to raise euthanasia with patients. Amendments moved in the upper house by Labor MP Michael Galea on Wednesday night and endorsed by the government bar some health practitioners from initiating discussions about voluntary assisted dying, mirroring changes sought by the Coalition.

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Health or a home

Northern Territory News, General News, 14/11/2025, Lottie Hood, Page 1

Countless hours of sleep, 10 years of her memory and the life of her 13-year-old daughter Kerrie Matthews is intimately familiar with the loss that can come with a diabetes diagnosis. It has been 36 years since the Northern Territory resident lost her daughter Glennis to the disease in a traumatic incident at Christmas and every day since, the mum has struggled to speak about what happened.

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Free screening for World Diabetes Day

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 14/11/2025, Karli Farrell, Page 11

World Diabetes Day is today, and Terry White ChemMart in Mildura on Deakin Avenue is offering free glucose level screens from 9am. About 1.5 million Australians are living with diabetes, with type 2 being far more common, accounting for 85 per cent of all cases.

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This virus can have painful symptoms. It can also increase your risk of dementia

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 13/11/2025, Akilah Johnson

One of the largest studies ever conducted on the link between the shingles vaccine and brain health

offers insight into how the disease increases dementia risk. People who experienced multiple episodes of shingles had a higher risk of dementia for several years after the second outbreak, the study found, compared with those who had it only once.

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Cancer survival gap widens for disadvantaged patients

West Australian, Other, 13/11/2025, Kat Wong

Cancer patients in disadvantaged areas are dying at higher rates than those in privileged communities as differences in survivorship grow. Medical advancements have significantly improved Australians' survival rates from one in two dying from cancer within five years in the 1980s, compared with one in four during the 2010s.

Also reported by: [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Senior \(Online\)](#).

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Opposition to divisive 'faith-based' VAD bill grows

Aged Care Insite, Other, 13/11/2025, Stefanie Schultz

Eighteen health and legal organisations have signed a joint statement opposing legislation that would allow aged care providers in New South Wales to block residents from accessing voluntary assisted dying (VAD). The Voluntary Assisted Dying Amendment (Residential Facilities) Bill 2025, introduced to NSW parliament by Liberal Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) Susan Carter on October 15, is designed to allow faith-based aged care providers to be able to choose whether a resident can access VAD within their facility.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Healthy minds, healthy bodies

Air Force News, General News, 13/11/2025, Page 10

In the tropical warmth of Mareeba, FLTLT Lachlan Gardiner led conversations that strengthened minds as much as bodies. As a psychologist with Exercise Kummundoo, FLTLT Gardiner worked alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals to deliver mental health promotion and support to local communities in Far North Queensland.

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Channel 9, A Current Affair, 13/11/2025, Deborah Knight

Teenager Giaan Ramsay, who was seeking help for mental health issues, turned to Queensland's mental health system. However, she was subsequently placed under an involuntary treatment order, which resulted in her parents being stripped of their legal rights regarding her care.

Also reported by: [Channel 9 \(Sydney\)](#).

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IMMUNISATION

JEV vax on offer

Shepparton News, General News, 14/11/2025, Pip Turton, Page 11

More Victorians will have protection from the Japanese encephalitis virus this mosquito season, with the state government delivering free vaccines to at-risk regional residents. The vaccine is now available to people in 24 regional local government areas, primarily inland riverine regions, where there is a higher risk of exposure to the virus.

HEALTH SYSTEMS STRATEGIES

‘Deliberately confusing, jargon-laden and designed to entrap’

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 13/11/2025, Megan Haggan

Private hospitals slam providers of insurance products, which they say "must be reformed to be more comprehensive, transparent and user-friendly". The Australian Private Hospitals Association has again heavily criticised insurance providers, saying in a statement that they are "quick to deflect and point the finger at everybody else" – that is, focusing on doctor out-of-pocket.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

New autism research unveiled at global conference in Perth says early intervention could ‘reshape the brain’

West Australian, Other, 13/11/2025

A leading international autism expert says children who wait years for diagnosis miss a crucial opportunity to “reshape the brain” through early intervention, unveiling new evidence which suggests a childhood diagnosis is no longer necessarily lifelong. Speaking at a major global conference in Perth on Thursday, University of California professor of psychiatry David Amaral said there was growing evidence autism was “not static” and could change dramatically during a child’s lifespan.

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

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High blood pressure rates in children nearly doubled in 20 years, global review finds

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2025, Andrew Gregory

The rate of children and teenagers living with high blood pressure globally has nearly doubled because of a toxic combination of unhealthy diets, mass inactivity and soaring levels of obesity, according to the largest review of its kind. Experts said 114 million children who have developed hypertension even before reaching adulthood were facing potentially deadly and lifelong harm, including cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and a myriad of serious health complications.

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Groundbreaking eating disorder research in danger of shutting down

3AW, Other, 13/11/2025

3aw Breakfast's Rumour File heard that a Melbourne-based research team behind groundbreaking eating disorder intervention research is in danger of shutting down. The promising research involves a method of brain stimulation which has been trialled for the first time by Orygen researchers to treat anorexia.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Medical care shouldn't depend on postcodes, but it does

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2025, Page 44

When something goes wrong in healthcare, the consequences can be physically, emotionally, and financially devastating. Yet for people living outside Sydney and other metropolitan centres, the road to answers and accountability is often far more difficult. Across regional NSW, patients face unique barriers to justice when substandard medical care causes harm. Access to specialist legal advice is limited, travel distances are long, and health systems themselves are often under-resourced.

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South Australia shuts down another abortion-restricting bill

7news.com.au, Other, 13/11/2025, Lauren Thomson

South Australia's Legislative Council have voted on a controversial bill on Wednesday — the second attempt in just over a year to restrict late-term abortions, with the bill failing again to pass the Upper House. Independent MP Sarah Game, formerly of One Nation, introduced legislation that would tighten access after 22 weeks and six days.

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Australians suffering 'irreversible complications' waiting years to see medical specialists

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2025, Celina Edmonds

Some Australians are waiting more than six years to see specialists such as neurologists, prompting doctors to warn that people are suffering "irreversible complications" and risking death while languishing on public waiting lists. The ABC has analysed waiting lists for public specialists across the nation, with the results revealing an overstretched system.

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Emergency department floods after disgruntled patient's alleged act of sabotage at a busy Perth hospital

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 13/11/2025, Matt Jones

A sewage spill flooded the emergency department of a busy Perth hospital in what authorities suspect was an act of sabotage by a disgruntled patient. The vengeful patient allegedly stuffed cups, towels, sanitary pads and a T-shirt down toilets at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital on Tuesday.

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Bill to restrict late-term abortion defeated in South Australia after emotional debate

The Guardian, Other, 13/11/2025, Tory Shepherd

A bill to restrict access to abortion after 22 weeks and six days has been defeated in the South Australian parliament. The former One Nation MLC Sarah Game, who is now an independent, worked with the controversial anti-abortion activist Joanna Howe on the legislation that went before the SA parliament on Wednesday night.

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CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

Budget cuts deepen health crisis: ANMF

Burnie Advocate, General News, 14/11/2025, Emily Shepherd, Page 37

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian (ANMF) branch is dismayed by the lack of

investment in the crippled Tasmanian Health Service in the Interim Tasmanian state budget. The ANMF has called for a sensible budget to match funding to current service delivery and service demand.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

New ambulance crisis

Herald Sun, General News, 14/11/2025, Shannon Deery, Page 5

Backroom operations at Ambulance Victoria are set to grind to a halt after corporate staff at the agency voted to walk off the job amid an ongoing pay dispute. While paramedics last year became among the best paid in the nation, securing a new \$600m pay deal, Ambulance Victoria's corporate staff remain locked in a protracted pay dispute over a new wages deal.

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On the mend

Ballarat Courier, General News, 14/11/2025, Michelle Smith, Page 1

Grampians Health has more than halved the number of violent incidents its staff are subjected to over the past three years. Its rates of occupational violence are also lower than many similar-sized regional health services across the state.

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University students shape new Bundaberg Hospital design with dementia care plan

Cairns Post, Other, 13/11/2025, Tiffany Torrie

Final year health professional students have taken matters into their own hands to ensure the new Bundaberg Hospital has the facilities they want when graduating. Fourth-year CQUniversity occupational therapy students submitted a comprehensive design proposal for a dementia-friendly environment in the new hospital to the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service, which was developed as part of the students' final university assessment.

Also reported by: [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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Cairns chemist professor Trent Twomey on World Pharmacy Council agenda

Cairns Post, Other, 13/11/2025, Arun Singh Mann

The Australian president of the World Pharmacy Council has revealed a personal agenda following his recent appointment to the role including trialling foreign pilot programs, domestically. Cairns pharmacist professor Trent Twomey, who is also the national president of the Australian Pharmacy Guild was selected to lead the World Pharmacy Council last week.

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#)

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'Toxic culture': survey paints grim picture for those working in mental health

The Border Mail, Other, 13/11/2025, Anthony Bunn

Three-quarters of mental health workers report that the bullying and harassment they have experienced at Albury Wodonga Health has come from senior leaders or executives. The alarming figure has emerged from a survey conducted by the Health and Community Services Union, which represents those working in the mental health, disability and drug and alcohol sectors.

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At least 30,000 graduates lose qualifications in Australia's vocational

education crackdown

The Guardian, Other, 14/11/2025, Caitlin Cassidy

At least 30,000 people have lost their qualifications in the past year as the regulator cracks down on Australia's shonky vocational education and training providers. Since late 2024, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has cancelled the registrations of 11 training organisations and voided diplomas, certificates and statements of attainment that providers had issued.

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Nurse practioners provide the critical missing link

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 13/11/2025, Jodie Wolf

Nick Ryan has done a lot during his 30-year career in human services, across a variety of roles and sectors, including aged care, government, youth services and education. "I've had a great time," the chief executive officer of Queensland aged care provider Lutheran Services tells Australian Ageing Agenda of his career to date. "I've had a good experience, and I'm still enjoying it."

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TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND ACCESS

New cancer drug on PBS

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 14/11/2025, Page 4

A frontline treatment for Australians battling a deadly blood cancer is now available through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Johnson & Johnson's Darzalex (daratumumab) has been made available to Australians newly diagnosed with multiple myeloma who are not eligible for stem cell transplantation.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Gold Coast\)](#).

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

'I completely forgot, I've moved on': Dr Death's killer brush-off 20 years on

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, Sarah Elks, Ellie Dudley & Matthew Condon, Page 1

Disgraced killer surgeon Jayant Patel linked to the deaths and injuries of dozens of patients in regional Queensland has declared he "completely forgot" about the trail of trauma and fatalities he left behind in Bundaberg two decades ago. Tracked down in Portland, Oregon, by The Australian to coincide with the release on Friday of Hedley Thomas's new medical true-crime audiobook and podcast, Sick to Death, Mr Patel said: "It was ages ago, and I completely forgot about it, and I'm beyond that."

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Tale of dangerous delusion, web of deception

The Australian, General News, 14/11/2025, Hedley Thomas, Page 1

This is the chilling true story of a senior surgeon with dangerous delusions about his ability. Jayant Patel dishonestly concealed his notorious negligence with a scalpel.

Doctor's coke spiral

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 14/11/2025, Emily Walker & Alex Treacy, Page 1

An esteemed cardiologist was using cocaine weekly while desperately trying to fit in with his new friends on the Gold Coast, a court has heard. Sameer Tataavarty Bharatam, 41, pleaded guilty at the Southport District Court on Wednesday to five counts of supply dangerous drugs and one count of possessing anything used in the commission of a crime.

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Behaviour under microscope

Border Mail, General News, 14/11/2025, Anthony Bunn, Page 3

Concerns about a toxic work environment and poor behaviour towards trainee surgeons at Albury Wodonga Health have prompted an unscheduled inspection by a professional standards authority. The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons descended on the Albury hospital on Wednesday to conduct a series of interviews following complaints.

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Doctor suspended for nine months for sexually harassing nurses at Gladstone Hospital

The Courier Mail, Other, 13/11/2025, Patrick Billings

A doctor who sexually harassed two nurses, including by trying to stick his tongue in one's mouth at a central queensland hospital, has been suspended. Mostafa Ali Mukhlif 62, of Victoria, was found to have engaged in sexualised and/or inappropriate physical contact or gestures, and/or communications with the women while working at Gladstone Hospital in late 2022 and early 2023 following a contested tribunal hearing.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#).

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AHPRA not keeping pace as notifications surge

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 13/11/2025

A surge in notifications has left the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) struggling to meet workload demands – particularly for more complex cases. AHPRA's Regulatory Performance Committee annual report shows a 19% increase in notifications in 2024–25, with authors warning the rise is placing 'significant pressure' on the organisation.

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INTERIM AUSTRALIAN CDC

Measles cases on the rise

Courier Mail, General News, 14/11/2025, Isabella Pesch, Page 17

The number of measles cases in Queensland is now "truly concerning", health experts have said, and it is expected to get worse as the end of the school year and the holidays spark large gatherings. The highly infectious virus is currently not widespread, but falling vaccination rates means that could end.

Also reported by: [Cairns Post \(Cairns\)](#).

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Prevention is productivity: now's the time to act on health

Canberra Times, General News, 14/11/2025, Justine Cain, Page 34

Last week marked an important moment for public health in Australia. The new laws that were passed to create an independent Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC), brought us in line with other

developed countries. The creation of this independent body is news worth celebrating.

Also reported by: [The Senior \(Online\)](#), [Warrnambool Standard \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Online\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#).

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Strawberry Fields to roll out drug testing in ongoing NSW trial

The Australian, Other, 13/11/2025, Alexandra Feiam

Strawberry Fields has been named the fifth music festival to take part in the ongoing NSW drug-testing trial. The free and anonymous drug-checking service will be available for attendees at the festival, which will take place between November 21 and November 23.

Also reported by: [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#).

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Major health warning after three measles cases detected after Jelly Roll concert in Brisbane

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 13/11/2025, Alexandra Feiam

Health authorities in NSW and Queensland have issued multiple measles alerts following several confirmed cases linked to major events and locations. NSW Health is warning people to be vigilant for measles symptoms after a confirmed case from Queensland visited numerous locations across Sydney while infectious.

Also reported by: [Gold Coast Bulletin \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [NEWS.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Kalgoorlie Miner \(Online\)](#).

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Contact tracing underway in Queensland as health authorities brace for further measles cases

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2025

Health authorities are bracing for more cases of measles after five people presented with the virus across Queensland in the past week. The outbreak has prompted Queensland Health to alert counterparts in New South Wales as confirmed cases spike across the country.

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Queensland Health warns of possible measles outbreak after infectious fans attend Jelly Roll concert in Brisbane

7news.com.au, Other, 13/11/2025, Katharina Loesche

Authorities have issued an urgent measles alert after an infectious traveller visited multiple Sydney locations — including the Oasis concert at Accor Stadium — while unknowingly contagious. NSW Health said a Queenslander travelled from Brisbane through Sydney Airport, the Central Business District (CBD) and the Inner West, as well as using several train services, between Saturday 8 and Monday 10 November.

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Allergic to meat: a syndrome caused by tick bite is spreading

Queensland Country Life, Other, 13/11/2025, Zac Braxton-Smith

An allergic reaction to scrub ticks that causes stomach problems, hives, and even throat swelling after eating meat is spreading, and the only known cure is to avoid tick bites. Cairns doctors Elias Bitzer and Peter Bourke presented research at the Cairns Hospital Research and Innovation Symposium in September, showing case numbers for Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) were on the rise.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 13/11/2025, James Glenday & Bridget

Brennan

A public health alert has been issued for people who attended a US country rap artist concert in Brisbane last month after a measles outbreak in Queensland. The attendees of Jelly Roll's gig on 24 October also spent time on the Gold Coast and in the Wide Bay area.

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2GB, Drive, 13/11/2025, Clinton Maynard

Compere says the NSW Government has announced that the festival will be used as part of the trial for pill testing at the Strawberry Fields Festival. He states that young people who are carrying illegal drugs that they've purchased from a criminal gang will have to go to a tent, and there is a free and anonymous drug checking service.

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4BC, Afternoons, 13/11/2025, Sofia Formica

Queensland Health is warning that more measles cases are likely after five new cases presented within 48 hours. Three of those patients had attended a Jelly Roll concert at Boondall on October 24th, leading to a public health alert.

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Watchdog flags safety concerns for children over pesticide sprayed on berries

9News, Other, 13/11/2025, Richard Wood Senior

People on low incomes cutting back on meat, fruit and vegetables Australia's pesticide regulator has flagged fresh health concerns for young children over a chemical sprayed on berries. [...] Data from Food Standards Australia and New Zealand showed Australians' consumption of blueberries, blackberries and raspberries has jumped since the last review of the pesticide in 2017.

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Mater mould class action

Newcastle Herald, General News, 14/11/2025, Jamieson Murphy, Page 1

A class action is being prepared after it was revealed a Hunter hospital kept patients in the dark while its air-conditioning vents pumped pneumonia-inducing mould spores into its cancer ward. XD Law and

local firm Bilbie Faraday Harrison are calling for people who lost loved ones in the Calvary Mater Hospital's cancer wards between January 2024 and April 2025 to come forward.

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'Nothing was being done': Inpex workers raise fears over toxic chemical emissions and oil spills

ABC Online, Other, 13/11/2025, Roxanne Fitzgerald

A worker at gas giant Inpex claims he was exposed to dangerous air pollutants and made to clean up an oil spill — alleging that inside one of Australia's biggest gas companies, complaints about health and safety are being brushed aside. James — whose name has been changed for privacy and security reasons — has worked at the Ichthys onshore gas processing facility, operated by Japanese company Inpex, on Darwin Harbour for several years.

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