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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 5) reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has stated that assessment guidelines being developed to redirect NDIS participants with mild support needs to state-based care programs will be objective and evidence-based.
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 1) reports that economic modelling presented to state treasurers by Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers has displayed that state governments will lose \$2.8 billion if they maintain current NDIS funding arrangements rather than establishing new disability support systems. *Also reported by:* [Weekend Australian](#), [Courier Mail](#), [West Australian](#)
- The [Weekend Australian](#) (page 5) reports that Eli Lilly Australia, the manufacturer of Type-2 diabetes medication Mounjaro, has rejected conditions attached to a recent Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee decision which approved the product being listed for public funding. *Also reported by:* [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Daily Telegraph](#)
- The [Daily Telegraph](#) (page 5) reports that NDIS Minister, Jenny McAllister, has stated that the arrest of an individual alleged to have defrauded the NDIS of \$1.5 million is evidence of the commitment that anti-fraud taskforces have to apprehending NDIS fraudsters. *Also reported by:* [Illawarra Mercury](#).
- [The Saturday Paper](#) (page 1) reports that Royal Australian College of General Practitioners President, Michael Wright, has stated that policy reforms introduced by the Federal

Government which increased bulk-billing accessibility has created a pay imbalance wherein male GPs, who often conduct shorter consultations, have benefited more than female GPs from the policy changes.

- [ABC Online](#) (online) reports that NDIS service providers in regional areas have expressed concern that recently announced reforms to NDIS funding and eligibility requirements will exacerbate existing challenges facing disability service providers in regional Australia.
- The [Northern Territory News](#) (page 7) reports that Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation branch secretary, Heidi Crisp, has welcomed a decision by the Northern Territory Government to provide personal duress alarms for medical professionals in hospitals, but added that further measures were required to address underlying safety concerns.
- The [Hobart Mercury](#) (page 13) reports that enterprise agreement negotiations will commence this week between the Tasmanian Government and nurses employed across a range of health sectors, with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation providing a 68-point plan aimed at improving workplace conditions for health workers in Tasmania.
- [ABC Online](#) (online) reports that Cancer Council's National Tobacco Issues Committee chair, Alecia Brooks, has stated that a policy introduced in the United Kingdom which will create a smoke-free generation is encouraging, but added that existing policy arrangements in Australia have been effective at reducing smoking and vaping rates. *Also reported by: [Northern Territory News](#)*
- The [Sydney Morning Herald](#) (page 7) reports that research conducted at Melbourne's WEHI research institute has discovered the potential to utilise ubiquitin, a common protein molecule, in the treatment of obesity and heart disease.

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Eli Lilly rejects PBS deal for diabetes drug

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Natasha Robinson, Page 5

Hundreds of thousands of Australians with type 2 diabetes will be unable to gain publicly funded access to key drug Mounjaro after a showdown between one of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies and Australia's medicines advisory body. [...] The company said the federal health department had price-benchmarked Mounjaro's value against a medicine that was 20 years old and no longer available, leading to a severe undervaluation of the drug.

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

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Labor blames market chaos but NDIS was born to fail

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Tom Dusevic, Page 20

The dysfunction and bloat of the National Disability Insurance Scheme have become, in retail political parlance, a barbecue stopper. [...] As Health Minister Mark Butler conceded this week, the scheme's failures have imperilled its community support or social licence.

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

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Butler warned over 'Medicare misogyny'

The Saturday Paper, General News, 25/04/2026, Karen Barlow, Page 1

Doctors warned Mark Butler before the \$8.5 billion election boost to Medicare that tripling the bulk-billing incentive for GP appointments would worsen a longstanding gender pay gap. The funding boost was a major move to shore up plummeting bulk-billing rates, but The Saturday Paper understands female GPs are now at greater financial disadvantage due not only to the incentives but also to Labor's expansion of urgent care clinics and the recent ending of some Medicare-funded mental health rebates.

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

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Chalmers eyes his legacy

The Saturday Paper, General News, 25/04/2026, Richard Denniss, Page 3

All budgets seem important at the time. [...] Likewise, this week's big changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme weren't costed before the last election, but not a single journalist saw that as a problem when Mark Butler fronted the press club on Wednesday.

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The cost of lives

The Saturday Paper, Editorials, 25/04/2026, Page 16

When Bill Shorten began his reform of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the agency responsible for the scheme commissioned "narrative" work to help sell the changes. [...] Speaking at the National Press Club this week, Minister for Disability Mark Butler borrowed directly from these talking points.

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

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Billion-dollar warning for states

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Paul Sakkal, Page 1

States will be nearly \$3 billion worse off if they fail to switch to a new disability support system and keep funding the NDIS in its current form, Treasurer Jim Chalmers has warned state counterparts. [...] This masthead reported in February that Health Minister Mark Butler was considering slashing the yearly growth of the \$50 billion scheme below 5 per cent, which he will, announcing plans to drag spending growth down to an average of 2 per cent over the next four years.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#), [Australian Ageing Agenda \(Online\)](#), [Capital Brief \(Online\)](#), [Capital Brief \(Online\)](#), [CathNews \(Online\)](#), [Great Southern Herald \(Online\)](#), [West Australian \(Online\)](#), [Green Left Weekly \(Online\)](#), [The Centre for Independent Studies \(CIS\) \(Online\)](#).

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Assessment tool for NDIS science-based, says Butler

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Brittany Busch, Page 5

More than one in five NDIS participants are expected to be moved off the scheme under new eligibility standards to be rolled out from 2028. [...] And it will apply to everyone in the same way," Health and Disability Minister Mark Butler told The Guardian's Australian Politics podcast, shortly after revealing the biggest overhaul of the disability scheme since it was launched by the Gillard government.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

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Discount diabetes drug off the market

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Angus Thomson, Page 7

An estimated 450,000 Australians will miss out on discounted weight loss medication after pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly declined a recommendation to have the government subsidise its Mounjaro drug for people with Type 2 diabetes. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler was contacted for comment.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Age \(Online\)](#), [Brisbane Times \(Online\)](#), [WA Today \(Online\)](#).

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Chalmers may deliver tough-love budget as the recession vaccine we had to have

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Shane Wright, Page 24

The Iran war is not the only conflict facing the Treasurer as he prepares one of the most important budgets this century. It has been more than 30 years since Australia experienced a "real" recession.

[...] On Wednesday, Health Minister Mark Butler gave a large sign that Oliver's hopes may be answered.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Australian Financial Review \(Online\)](#).

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Canberra, states must limit NDIS uncertainty

The Saturday Age, Editorials, 25/04/2026, Page 32

In January last year, as outgoing minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, former Labor leader Bill Shorten declared the scheme was no longer the government's "major problem child", adding "there is bipartisan agreement about the path of sustainability". [...] When Health Minister Mark Butler fronted the National Press Club this week to set out the government's latest thinking on "the path of sustainability", the message was startling.

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A \$50 billion NDIS is proving too tempting for nation's rich listers

The Saturday Age, Business News, 25/04/2026, Colin Kruger, Page 5

The dramatic plan announced by Health Minister Mark Butler this week to reel in the extraordinary cost of Australia's National Disability Insurance Scheme will not have stopped preparations of a different sort that are under way in financial markets. Mable, an online marketplace for support workers, is reportedly exploring a potential stock market listing that could make it the first \$1 billion company spawned by the \$50 billion-odd scheme.

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NT seeking urgent clarity on federal NDIS shake-up

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/04/2026, Camden Smith, Page 7

The door is open for the NT Government to support proposed cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme announced by the federal government on Wednesday. [...] Changes announced by Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler are meant to limit the scheme's participation to people with a permanent or significant disability.

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

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Vital cuts

Northern Territory News, Editorials, 25/04/2026, Page 18

The federal government is preparing to slash \$15bn and about 160,000 participants from the National Disability Insurance Scheme in a desperate effort to rein in costs and return some coherency to the national budget. [...] By the end of the decade, NDIS Minister Mark Butler aims to reduce participation to 600,000 people.

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The NDIS has to get back to basics and helping those who need it

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/04/2026, Vikki Campion, Page 19

People are sick of going to work to support people who simply do not want to work. [...] There is no sane argument against Minister Mark Butler's bid to take those off the NDIS who should never have been on it in the first place.

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

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Butler's mettle sure to be tested by his own mob

Canberra Times, General News, 25/04/2026, Jack Waterford, Page 22

New National Disability Insurance Scheme reforms pose a novel test of character for the Albanese government. [...] And because the proposal is being steered by an unusually competent minister in Mark Butler, the Minister for Health.

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

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Baby boomers become fair game

Canberra Times, General News, 25/04/2026, Michelle Grattan, Page 26

Politically, it's a very bad time to be a baby boomer. [...] When on Wednesday Health Minister Mark Butler announced the government would scrap the top-up private health insurance subsidy for those over 65, brought in by John Howard, he cast the decision in generational equity terms.

Also reported by: [The West Australian \(Saturday edition\) \(Perth\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#).

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Chalmers' warning: Sign or lose \$580m

Courier Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Mikaela Mulveney, Page 12

Treasurer Jim Chalmers has urged Queensland to back the federal government's NDIS overhaul, warning the state risks walking away from half a billion dollars in savings by 2030. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler this week announced sweeping reforms to the NDIS which will see 160,000 fewer participants by 2030.

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

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Death duty is a dreadful idea

Courier Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Kylie Lang, Page 55

You work hard all your life, hoping to enjoy the so-called golden years and leave your kids something after you've gone. [...] The Courier-Mail's Care Repair campaign led to a backflip, with Health Minister Mark Butler announcing this week the scrapping of out-of-pocket costs for showering, help with getting dressed, continence management and the like.

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

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Multiply this

The West Australian (Saturday edition), Business News, 25/04/2026, Page 96

Talk about slashing the National Disability Insurance Scheme had The Bull winding back the clock to a similar, failed, debate in 2021. [...] Those so-called multipliers should always be taken with a massive pinch of salt but applying the same maths to Mark Butler's proposed \$15b of cuts this week suggests a \$34b hit to the economy.

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Free RSV vaccines roll out for older Australians

Geelong Times, General News, 24/04/2026, Ellie Claringbold, Page 42

From 15 May, people aged 75 and over will be eligible, along with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 60 and over. [...] Federal health minister Mark Butler said vaccination remained the most effective way to reduce the impact of seasonal illness.

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

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Alarm at NDIS cuts

Busselton Dunsborough Times, General News, 24/04/2026, Rhianna Mitchell, Page 1

Nick Avery, pictured, the chief executive of the South West Autism Network, is among those feeling "frightened and angry" after Wednesday's announcement that about 160,000 people receiving support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme will lose it by 2030, under a reset of the taxpayer-funded program. Health Minister Mark Butler detailed an overhaul of the NDIS that means it will still grow in dollar terms each year but at a rate lower than inflation in the immediate future.

Rita Saffioti sceptical of Federal claims on WA's NDIS savings despite \$300 million savings from planned reset

West Australian, Other, 24/04/2026, Katina Curtis

Western Australia stands to save \$300 million from the planned reset of the NDIS, according to Federal Government figures, but Rita Saffioti is sceptical of the logic underpinning this claim. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler has said he wants the legislation passed before the end of June to allow the tougher rules and measures to crack down on fraud by providers to start in July.

Also reported by: [Great Southern Herald \(Online\)](#), [Harvey-Waroona Reporter \(Online\)](#), [Narrogin Observer \(Online\)](#).

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Tony Abbott admits NDIS cost blowouts as Stuart Robert blames Labor for blocking reforms in Canberra

West Australian, Other, 24/04/2026, Stephen Johnson

Former prime minister Tony Abbott has admitted his own side of politics is responsible for much of the cost blowouts in the NDIS. [...] The NDIS now has 760,000 participants with Health and NDIS Minister Mark Butler this week arguing the numbers would grow to 900,000 by the end of the decade.

Also reported by: [Thenightly.com.au \(Online\)](#), [The Nightly \(None\)](#).

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The NDIS doesn't need a diet — it needs a spine

West Australian, Other, 25/04/2026, Jo Russell

To paraphrase the old The Footy Show, what a week it's been in the disability/National Disability Insurance Scheme space. There wouldn't be many people around who were not aware of the speech Mark Butler, the Federal Minister for the NDIS, delivered at the National Press Club this week.

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Regional providers, families fear they will be hit hardest by cuts to NDIS

ABC Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Madigan Landry

Regional disability service providers say smaller operators will not survive another round of changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) following the government's sweeping cuts. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler was contacted for comment on the concerns raised by Liz Martin and Bec Shepherd.

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Slashing \$15bn from NDIS while giving \$53bn to Defence. Anyone's autistic pattern recognition radar wailing?

Crikey, Other, 24/04/2026, Grace Tame

In the latest episode of morally vacuous financial gymnastics performed by the Commonwealth, Health Minister Mark Butler spent 90 minutes at the National Press Club on Wednesday justifying more dramatic cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). He used every bogus excuse under the sun except the obvious truth: the corporate ruling class simply doesn't value disabled people, viewing them as economically useless, disposable grifters, gaming the system for free haircuts.

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UK to ban everyone born after 2008 from buying cigarettes

SBS, Other, 24/04/2026, Jack Revell

Children in the UK who are 17 or younger, and anyone born in the future, will never be able to legally buy cigarettes after parliament approved new, stricter restrictions on smoking. [...] Australia's own 'massive problem' Health Minister Mark Butler said at the time of the NZ smoking ban that the Australian government was watching developments across the Tasman and in the UK closely.

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NDIS eligibility will be based on 'functional capacity', not diagnostic labels. But what does that mean?

The Conversation, Other, 24/04/2026, Georgia van Toorn

This week the government unveiled plans to reduce the number of people in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) by 160,000 over the next four years, a decision NDIS Minister Mark Butler has called "hard" but "unavoidable and urgent". This reduction will rely on tightening the eligibility criteria.

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Microsoft Cares About Your Privacy Labor's NDIS cuts leave many questions unanswered. Here's what we know so far

MSN Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Krishani Dhanji

The government announced drastic changes to the national disability insurance scheme (NDIS) on Wednesday that could see up to 160,000 Australians removed from the program by the end of the decade. [...] On Wednesday, the health and NDIS minister, Mark Butler, said the scheme will be brought back to its "original purpose" of supporting people with "significant and permanent disability".

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Adelaide family forced to crowdfund boy's life-saving cancer therapy after unfulfilled promise

9News, Other, 24/04/2026

A family from Adelaide have been forced to turn to strangers and crowdfund for life-saving cancer treatment abroad for their child. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler wasn't available to answer questions, instead telling 9News he's now canvassing other states to potentially host a proton therapy machine.

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Are there really 3500 GP clinics surviving on bulk billing alone?

The Medical Republic, Other, 25/04/2026, Louise Stone

Recently, I've been thinking about the bulk-billing initiatives in general practice and wondering how bulk-billing practices manage it. [...] The federal health minister, Mark Butler, announced the bulk-billing practice incentive program as part of the 2025-2026 Budget.

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Urgent need to protect funding for social services: Catholic Social Services

CathNews, Other, 24/04/2026

Catholic Social Services Australia met with Amanda Camm, Queensland Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services, to discuss support for Queensland's most vulnerable people amid ongoing social and economic challenges. CSSA chief executive Jerry Nockles and director of policy and advocacy Carmel Sefian met with Ms Camm on Wednesday, shortly before federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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Up to 140,000 disability jobs at risk as NDIS overhaul begins to bite

Human Resources Director, Other, 24/04/2026, Stephen Owens

Up to 140,000 jobs in Australia's disability and social assistance sector are predicted to disappear over the next four years following the Albanese government's sweeping overhaul of the National Disability Insurance Scheme — a workforce contraction that economists warn could rival the largest industry downturns in the country's recent history. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler, announcing the reforms at the National Press Club this week, confirmed average plan funding would be cut from around \$31,000 — up from \$14,000 just five years ago — to approximately \$26,000 per participant over two years, and that the number of organisations permitted to operate as plan managers would be significantly reduced.

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Mob caught off guard by surprise reform designed to fix problem nobody asked mob about

Indigenous News Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Dean Foley

First Nations disability advocates have cautiously welcomed Health Minister Mark Butler's announcement of the biggest NDIS overhaul since the scheme's creation, which will boot 160,000 participants off through a process designed entirely without them. Minister Butler said this week that the changes would return the NDIS to its "original intent" – an intent the First Peoples Disability Network helpfully pointed out was never actually extended to mob in the first place.

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'Sending people into a tailspin': Former Liberal senator calls out Labor's plan to cut 160,000 NDIS participants without clear assessment model

Sky News Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Conor Breslin

Former Liberal senator Hollie Hughes has backed cuts to the NDIS - but warned Labor's plan risks overwhelming the system and harming vulnerable Australians. [...] Pressed earlier this week on how the new assessment tool would determine who stays and who goes, Health Minister Mark Butler admitted the framework had not yet been designed.

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Australia's shameful silence on youth gender medicine

Spectator Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Stephanie Bastiaan

Another major peer-reviewed study on so-called 'gender-affirming care' has been published, and predictably, Australia's political class has responded with the same thing it offered after the Cass Review: silence. [...] When the UK Cass Review – the most exhaustive independent examination of paediatric gender medicine – was published in April 2024 and found the evidence base for medical gender interventions to be 'remarkably weak', Health Minister Mark Butler, in my view, dismissed its findings as irrelevant to Australia .

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Shower pressure heats up

Victor Harbor Times, Other, 24/04/2026, Dee Elferink

Older Australians have had some dignity returned as the Federal Government backflipped on charging them to shower and dress at home. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler and Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, announced on April 21 that showering will move from the 'personal care' category, which attracts client contributions of between 5 per cent and 50 per cent to the 'clinical care' category, which is contribution free.

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Dire warning on NDIS cuts

WEB Fremantle Herald Interactive, Other, 24/04/2026

The CEO of Nedlands-based Youth Disability Advocacy Network has warned of dire consequences from Albanese government cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme announced this week, blaming inadequate consultation with disabled people. In a press conference on Wednesday, Disability and NDIS Minister Mark Butler announced an overhaul of the scheme he said would make it more sustainable.

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Channel 9, Today , 24/04/2026, Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo

Panel discussion with ALP National President Wayne Swan and commentator Scott Emerson. Jayne Azzopardi notes Health and Disability Minister Mark Butler acknowledged significant design flaws that have led to unsustainable cost blowouts in the NDIS. ALP National President Wayne Swan, who was Treasurer during the scheme's inception, admits the program has gone off the rails due to service provider rorting and system failures.

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Sky News Live, Newsday, 24/04/2026, Kieran Gilbert

Interview with former Liberal MP Keith Wolahan. Wolahan supports the Federal Government's recent NDIS reforms announced by Mark Butler, framing them as a necessary response to the 2023 Intergenerational Report. He notes that the previous trajectory of NDIS spending threatened the future viability of both the aged care and healthcare sectors.

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Sky News Live, AM Agenda, 24/04/2026, Laura Jayes

Interview with Nationals Leader Matt Canavan. Jayes describes the announcements made by Health Minister Mark Butler on the changes to the NDIS as brave, brutal and went further than expected of a Labor government. Canavan says they are willing to work with the Government on the reform.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 24/04/2026, Rory McClaren

Interview with Macular Disease Foundation CEO Dr Kathy Chapman. Chapman says many people struggle to receive their eye injections for macular disease in the public hospital system. She states that while Federal Health Minister Mark Butler recently decided not to cut the ability for patients to use private health insurance for such injections, it only supports about 12% of the patient population.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 24/04/2026, Leon Compton

Panel discussion with former Disability Voices Tasmania Executive Officer Vaughan Bennison, Elder Abuse Action Australia Co-Chair Sue Leitch, and former State Labor Treasurer Michael Aird. The panel addresses the Federal Government's massive NDIS reforms, with Bennison noting that Tasmania has the highest proportion of people with disabilities in Australia. Meanwhile, Leitch welcomes a major policy reversal announced by Health Minister Mark Butler in aged care.

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ABC Radio Hobart, Statewide Mornings, 24/04/2026, Leon Compton

Interview with Australian Medical Association Tasmania President Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel. Baxter notes Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced that the private health insurance rebate for Australians over 65 is set to be reduced. Lumsden-Steel says they are concerned the decision will lead to elderly patients flooding an already overwhelmed public health care system.

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ABC Radio Melbourne, Mornings , 24/04/2026, Rafael Epstein

Panel discussion with Chifley Research Centre's Emma Dawson and the Institute of Public Affairs' Colleen Harkin. Harkin and Dawson debate the Federal Government's plan to reset NDIS costs and the discussion highlights concerns that the scheme has drifted from its original purpose, with a current budget of approximately \$50 billion—equivalent to Australia's defence budget. Both guests agree that the scheme must return to its intent as an insurance model for significant disability rather than a general welfare system that offsets lifestyle activities like private horse riding or non-functional social support. Dawson notes Mark Butler said the scheme is at risk of losing its social licence.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Statewide Mornings, 24/04/2026, Rory McClaren

Interview with The Guardian political reporter Krishani Dhanji. McClaren says Minister Mark Butler announced the overhaul of the NDIS. Dhanji notes that initial modelling suggests approximately 160,000 participants will be transitioned off the scheme and moved to state-funded Thriving Kids or foundational supports.

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2BS, Live and Local, 24/04/2026, Damian de Montemas

Interview with Vivability CEO Nick Packham. Packham expresses cautious optimism regarding the major NDIS reforms announced by Minister Mark Butler. He supports the Federal Government's move toward mandated registration.

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ABC Ballarat, Australia Wide, 24/04/2026, Sinead Mangan

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has revealed a plan to curb NDIS growth by reducing the projected number of participants from over 900,000 to around 600,000 by the end of the decade. The scheme currently supports 760,000 people, more than double the original expectation of 410,000. He stated that eligibility will shift from a diagnosis-based model to standardised functional capacity assessments to return the scheme to its "original intent" of supporting those with permanent and significant disability.

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ABC Coffs Coast, Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Luke Ryan

Interview with Laura Daley, mother of two teenage boys with autism and Aspect School founder. Ryan plays an excerpt from Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announcing the changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Daley says moving to a model where functional assessments are going to be done by administrative staff at the NDIS then is a cause for concern.

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Australian Politics, Podcast, 23/04/2026, Tom McElroy

Interview with Minister for Disability, Health and Ageing Mark Butler. McElroy discusses the Albanese Government's decision to implement the most significant reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme in its history, aiming to reduce growth from 10% to 2% and potentially removing 160,000 participants over the next four years. Butler emphasises that the changes are necessary for financial sustainability after costs blew out by \$13b since December, threatening the scheme's future and public support. He explains how the plan shifts eligibility from diagnosis-based lists to evidence-based functional assessments to ensure the scheme returns to its original purpose of supporting those with significant and permanent disabilities.

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SBS News In Depth, Podcast, 23/04/2026

In September of 2025, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler announced the Government's new system that essentially means more older Australians will have to contribute financially to the aged care services they require. Older Persons Advocacy Network Policy Director Samantha Edmonds said the first step in the process is assessing someone for what they might need. Nelson Mar is from the University of Technology Sydney Ageing Research Collaborative Team and said the government will continue to pay the clinical component, but then all the other components will start to be covered to a greater degree by the recipient of care. Butler confirmed in a major speech to the National Press Club recently that the Government will now cover the cost of showering supports by scrapping subsidies for private health insurance for older Australians.

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2SM, Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Tim Webster

Interview with Megan Spindler-Smith, People with Disability Australia on the NDIS overhaul announced by Minister Mark Butle. Spindler-Smith expresses concern over the lack of clarity regarding the 160,000 participants who are projected to be transitioned off the scheme by the end of the decade. She states that it is not reform if they are merely shifting the cost onto people with disabilities, their families and other systems like aged care.

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ABC Broken Hill, Mornings, 24/04/2026, Patrick Reincke

Interview with MateCare owner PJ O'Connell on the NDIS overhaul announced by Minister Mark Butler. O'Connell describes the Federal Government's direction as clear but lacking in operational detail. He notes that while the government aims to reduce participant numbers by 160,000 by 2030, the true

number of people being diverted to state systems may reach 300,000 when accounting for projected growth.

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FIVEAA, Mornings, 24/04/2026, Graeme Goodings

Interview with Council on the Ageing SA CEO Miranda Starkey. Starkey notes Federal Minister for Health Mark Butler made a raft of announcements on Wednesday and they are pleased to her that Butler is going to fix a problem in the aged care system that they have been advocating for a while. She discusses how the Federal Government will fully fund essential in-home clinical services while removing the private health insurance rebate for Australians over the age of 65. She warns the trade-off could force 44,000 seniors to drop their private coverage, potentially flooding the public health system and increasing elective surgery wait times.

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Radio National, Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Sally Sara

Interview with Nicole Rogerson, Founding CEO, Autism Awareness Australia on the NDIS overhaul announced by Minister Mark Butler. Rogerson warns that for the 300,000 people with autism currently on the scheme, the change feels like being a political football. While she supports reform to ensure the scheme's generational sustainability, she urges the government to use a scalpel, not a machete to determine who truly needs NDIS support versus alternative systems.

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Sex, thugs and NDIS

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/04/2026, Eliza Barr & Madeleine Bower, Page 5

An alleged organised crime associate is accused of fleecing the NDIS of more than \$1.5m in five days by claiming on unsuspecting participants' plans and splashing the proceeds on OnlyFans, sunbeds and cryptocurrency. [...] NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister said the arrest was the latest in a major crackdown of NDIS fraudsters.

Also reported by: [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Online\)](#).

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ABC Illawarra, Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Melinda James

Interview with Federal NDIS Minister Jenny McAllister on the massive federal overhaul of the NDIS. McAllister explains that the scheme is being returned to its original intent: supporting Australians with permanent and significant disabilities. She clarifies that while every participant is expected to be reassessed, this process will not commence until 1 January 2028, following an 18-month consultation period to develop a standardised assessment tool.

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MINISTER RAE

Shower pressure heats up

Victor Harbor Times, Other, 24/04/2026, Dee Elferink

Older Australians have had some dignity returned as the Federal Government backflipped on charging them to shower and dress at home. [...] Minister for Health and Ageing Mark Butler and Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, announced on April 21 that showering will move from the 'personal

care' category, which attracts client contributions of between 5 per cent and 50 per cent to the 'clinical care' category, which is contribution free.

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The Weekly Source, Other, 24/04/2026, Lauren Broomham

A significant change to how enhanced services are taxed in aged care has taken effect – with providers only now becoming aware of it. [...] Those amendments were put in place by Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae just days before the new Act commenced, as part of what were described as "consequential" legislative updates.

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Stolen Generations advocates welcome aged care backflip, call for 'urgent' broader reforms

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/04/2026, Dechlan Brennan

A decision by the federal government to scrap charges for basic aged care services has been welcomed by the Stolen Generation survivors, who say it "corrects a measure that should never have been considered". [...] This week, Aged Care Minister Sam Rae conceded "showering, dressing, continence care" are not "optional extras".

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Support at Home showering reclassified as 'clinical care' as part of \$3bn investment

Hospital and Healthcare, Other, 24/04/2026

Intended to build on changes delivered in its first term, the Australian Government has announced that the 2026 Budget will include a \$3 billion aged care investment. [...] "We said when the Aged Care Act commenced that we'd keep watching how the reforms landed to make sure the system is strong enough, and fair enough, to meet the moment. That's exactly what this is," Australia's Minister for Aged Care and Seniors Sam Rae said.

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Health Services Daily, Other, 25/04/2026, Cate Swannell

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Why the RBA is being roasted on Facebook over rates

Money Magazine, Other, 24/04/2026

If you can't beat influencers, why not join them? [...] Minister for Aged Care and Seniors, Sam Rae, says, "Showering, dressing, continence care - these aren't optional extras."

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ABC Alice Springs, Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Stewart Brash

Interview with Sue Shearer, CEO, COTA Northern Territory on the Federal Government's policy reversal on aged care co-contributions. Brash notes the federal government has officially reclassified showering, dressing, and continence management as clinical care under the Support at Home program, and he adds Aged Care Minister Sam Rae confirmed the policy shift could cost the budget \$1b over the next four years. Shearer admits it is a big for advocate but common sense should have prevailed in the first place.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

Medicare Mental Health

Cairns Local News, General News, 24/04/2026, Page 12

We all struggle with our mental health from time to time. [...] Recently, I was joined by the Assistant Minister for Mental Health Emma McBride as we officially opened the Medicare Mental Health Centre at 267 Mulgrave Road.

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Perinatal mental health opens in Elizabeth

The Bunyip, Other, 24/04/2026

Free psychological support for new and expectant parents has come to Elizabeth with the official opening of a new Perinatal Mental Health Centre. Opened on 21 April by Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride and Member for Spence Matt Burnell and operating under the Gidget Foundation, the centre offers support for new and expectant parents throughout the perinatal period.

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ASSISTANT MINISTER WHITE

Supporting Tasmanians in uncertainty

New Norfolk and Derwent Valley News, General News, 24/04/2026, Rebecca White, Page 17

Families across Tasmania are feeling the pressure of global instability. [...] Rebecca White is the federal member for Lyons.

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SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

Harry meets Dan

Singleton Argus, General News, 24/04/2026, Chloe Coleman, Page 1

While travelling around the country Prince Harry has met with a real mix of Australians, including the Hunter's Dan Repacholi. The MP, who is Special Envoy for Men's Health, spent time with Prince Harry on Wednesday, April 17 in Melbourne at Movember's event launching a new report on mental health of dads.

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DEPARTMENT

Eli Lilly rejects PBS deal for diabetes drug

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Natasha Robinson, Page 5

Hundreds of thousands of Australians with type 2 diabetes will be unable to gain publicly funded access to key drug Mounjaro after a showdown between one of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies and Australia's medicines advisory body. [...] The company said the federal health department had price-benchmarked Mounjaro's value against a medicine that was 20 years old and no longer available, leading to a severe undervaluation of the drug.

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Unhealthy delays?

Burnie Advocate, General News, 25/04/2026, Saree Salter, Page 1

The government has subtly changed its language over the start of work on a major new upgrade of the North West Regional Hospital, raising the question of a delay. [...] A \$5,741,000 investment through the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing's Aged Care Capital Assistance Program to deliver the upgrades.

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Helping kids be kids

Geelong Independent, General News, 24/04/2026, Jena Carr, Page 1

Peggy Creasy knows how painful severe eczema is, but the only thing that gives her relief is medication that isn't funded for kids under 12. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing was contacted for comment.

Also reported by: [Geelong Independent \(Online\)](#), [Ocean Grove Voice \(Online\)](#).

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Ask the big questions

Gympie Today, General News, 24/04/2026, Page 26

Palliative Care Australia is encouraging Australians to start conversations about palliative and end-of-life care ahead of National Palliative Care Week, 10 to 16 May 2026. [...] National Palliative Care Week 2026 is supported by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

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Vulnerable Queenslanders forced to skip lifesaving RSV vaccine over eye-watering cost Additional Information

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Elodie Jakes

Medical professionals have pleaded for a lifesaving RSV vaccine subsidy, with some high-risk Queenslanders opting to skip the critical treatment due to the staggering \$300-plus cost for a single dose. [...] The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing said they would "continue to consider" expanding the RSV vaccine subsidy, including people with chronic respiratory conditions.

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

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Sounding an alarm as key climate health group misses out on federal funding

Croakey, Other, 24/04/2026, Melissa Sweet

The global fuel crisis could be an opportunity for Australia to turbo-charge the transition away from fossil fuels, meaning climate health advocacy and action are more critical than ever. However, a recent Federal Health Department funding decision weakens the capacity of a key climate health organisation to continue its internationally recognised work, reports Jason Staines.

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Review calls for \$2b a year zero-interest loan scheme

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/04/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

Amid soaring demand for residential aged care and stagnant bed growth, the Independent Review of Residential Aged Care Accommodation Pricing has recommended an extensive overhaul of how accommodation is financed. [...] Australia's ageing population is growing faster than the required number of aged care beds, with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing estimating the number of older people using residential care will more than double from 198,302 in 2024 to 409,677 in 2044.

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Minimum stockholding requirements policy reducing shortages: review

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/04/2026, John Smith

Review provides evidence of positive impact of the government's minimum stockholding requirements policy after 24 months. Improvements are being seen in the rates of medicine shortages and the length of time designated brands are in short supply since the introduction of six- and four-month minimum stockholding requirements, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing says.

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Australia's longest-running women's health study celebrates 30-year milestone

University of Newcastle Australia, Other, 24/04/2026

When a visionary study of Australian women's health was launched in the 1990s, high-quality data was scarce and crippling conditions such as endometriosis under-recognised. [...] Funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the national study collects survey data from 57,000 women across four generations: those born between 1921-26, 1946-51, 1973-78 and 1989-95.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Boomer perks in PM's crosshairs

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Peter Hartcher, Page 34

On ANZAC Day, as we remember the generations who gave their all for their country, take a moment to think about how our generations will be remembered. [...] With treatment to be paid for by Medicare and government-subsidised private health insurance, naturally.

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

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Liberals' tax delusion

The Saturday Paper, General News, 25/04/2026, Stephen Bell & Michael Keating, Page 4

Faced with the policy void offered by previous Liberal Party leaders, the current leader, Angus Taylor, has returned to traditional Liberal policy mantras and announced that taxation would always be lower under a Liberal government. [...] On health, spending has seen greater efficiencies, not increasing faster than required by the ageing of the population.

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Fuel costs hurt

The current fuel crisis is placing significant financial pressure on families and businesses across the country. [...] These trips include visits to loved ones in aged care, appointments with doctors, specialists and pharmacists, access to fresh food, regular social catch-ups, and, in many cases, critical treatments such as dialysis.

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Australia is on the path to mediocrity

Central Western Daily, General News, 25/04/2026, Noel Whittaker, Page 47

Australia is on a dangerous downward path. [...] After years of scrutiny and the Royal Commission, the 2025 reforms were hailed as "once in a generation", promising a person-centred system built on dignity, respect and safety.

Also reported by: [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#)

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Policies failing elderly Australians

Illawarra Mercury, General News, 25/04/2026, Bob Patrech, Page 18

Labor's ruthless aged care nightmare is here! Huge increases in costs for aged care accommodation and the loss of home care services due to unaffordable cost increases because the Albanese Labor government wants to bleed seniors financially to help fill a \$1 trillion budget black hole and the profits of private aged care providers.

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Three in five homes operating at a loss

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/04/2026, Katarina Lloyd Jones

An analysis of data for the six months to December 2025 shows the proportion of homes operating at a loss has grown from half to three in five in 12 months, while the share making a cash loss has moved from a quarter to over a third. For the residential aged care sector to remain viable and sustainable, it needs to achieve a level of financial investability, aged care financial benchmarking service StewartBrown warns in its latest report.

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Catholic Healthcare approved for Maroubra home

Australian Ageing Agenda, Other, 24/04/2026

After several setbacks since the 2019 DA, Catholic Healthcare has again received approval for an integrated precinct in Maroubra, featuring a 44-bed aged care home and 55 retirement living apartments. [...] Following setbacks including the Covid-19 pandemic, the release of the Aged Care Royal Commission findings and updated market research on the needs of seniors in the Maroubra area, the development application was refined and re-submitted to Randwick City Council in October 2025.

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ABC News, News Breakfast, 24/04/2026, Emma Reballato and James Glenday

Interview with New South Wales Premier Chris Minns. Minns says the Federal Government's changes to private health insurance may exacerbate it bed block in hospitals. He states they have the equivalent of a full hospital, filled with people who should be in aged care and released from New South Wales hospitals, but they have got nowhere to go.

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2CC, Canberra Live, 24/04/2026, Leon Delaney

Interview with Canberra Liberals Senate candidate Nick Tyrrell. Delaney notes the Federal Government's decision to abolish the supplementary private health insurance rebate for Australians aged 65 and older, with critics labelling it a 'false economy.' Tyrrell argues that while the move aims to

redirect funds to aged care, it will ultimately shift an estimated \$550 million in costs onto a public system already burdened by record-breaking elective surgery wait times.

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DISABILITY AND CARERS

Hard sell for Chalmers on NDIS

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Sarah Ison & Sarah Elks, Page 2

A simmering row between states and the commonwealth over revolutionary NDIS reforms has escalated after Jim Chalmers challenged claims the federal government was pursuing ruthless "cost shifting", while Queensland insisted the Treasurer's modelling of projected savings was "not worth the paper it's written on". Labor and Liberal premiers have raised concerns over the proposed changes to the NDIS, which would overhaul eligibility, remove 160,000 participants and reduce annual growth from 10 to 2 per cent.

Also reported by: [The Australian \(Online\)](#), [7News.com.au \(Online\)](#), [Daily Telegraph Australia \(Online\)](#).

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War derails the budget, but voters have a new top fear

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Simon Benson, Page 20

War has cremated Anthony Albanese's second-term agenda, whatever it may have been, on a bonfire of political turmoil and the prospect of a global recession. [...] This week Chalmers sought to convey a posture that demonstrates a new pragmatism to the longer-term structural crisis now facing the budget, with reforms to the unsustainable cost of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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

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Chalmers caught between oil supply and tax demand

The Saturday Paper, General News, 25/04/2026, Paul Bongiorno, Page 17

There is a view in the engine room of the federal government that the real leader of the opposition at the moment is not Angus Taylor but United States President Donald Trump. [...] None is more urgent than the cost of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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NDIS: A great idea that went awry

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/04/2026, Joe Hildebrand, Page 59

Lisa Wilkinson's somewhat troubled autobiography was called "It Wasn't Meant to Be Like This". The same title might be applied to the story of the NDIS.

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

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Woman charged with NDIS card fraud

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 7

A 51-year-old woman has been charged with defrauding a non-for-profit organisation tasked with supporting NDIS clients in Darwin. The charges were laid following an investigation which began almost seven months ago.

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

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States lobbied by Treasurer to support changes to NDIS

Daily Liberal, General News, 25/04/2026, Andrew Brown & Zac De Silva, Page 10

The treasurer has urged state and territory counterparts to get on board with looming NDIS changes, as premiers say they will not be able to afford dealing with the reforms. As part of measures to reduce spending on the NDIS, about 160,000 people will be moved off the scheme by 2030 and into state-run support systems.

Also reported by: [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#).

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Provider welcomes NDIS reform

Sunraysia Daily, General News, 25/04/2026, Lochlainn Heley, Page 2

Support provider Mallee Family Care is pushing for rural and regional community protections after recently supporting the Australian Government's long-term sustainability commitment of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The government released its recent reform package this week, following ongoing debates about the confidence in the NDIS's growth.

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Alleged \$1.5m NDIS fraudster arrested in Tahmoor work site raid

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 24/04/2026, Nadine Morton

A man accused of defrauding the National Disability Insurance Scheme out of \$1.5 million has been arrested about an hour from Wollongong. The 33-year-old, who is believed to have links to criminal syndicates, is alleged to have made claims as a registered NDIS provider.

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Man sentenced over NDIS fraud

Shepparton News Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Monique Preston

An Echuca NDIS provider who claimed more than \$12,000 for work he did not do has been spared jail. Jye Sellings, 33, formerly of the Echuca area, pleaded guilty in Echuca Magistrates' Court to invoicing for services not rendered to gain money from NDIS funds allocated to his client.

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Belting the disabled, protecting fossil fuel giants: That creaking sound is Albanese's project under severe stress

Crikey, Other, 24/04/2026, Bernard Keane

You have to go back a while to find a deeper hypocrisy than Labor's changes to the NDIS: in cutting funding and imposing an objective assessment process, it is undertaking the very changes it relentlessly demonised when the Morrison government proposed them. For sheer gall, you probably have to go back to Tony Abbott pursuing the same indexation of middle-class welfare benefits that he denounced as "class war" three years earlier when Labor did it.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 24/04/2026, Yvonne Yong

Regional parents in WA say sweeping cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme are a shock for those already fighting for support. NDIS participants and providers are anxious to find out what the removal of 160,000 people from the scheme will mean for regional areas.

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ABC News, Afternoon Briefing, 24/04/2026, Patricia Karvelas

Interview with former senior advisor to the Federal Labor Party, Sarah Adams and Christy McSweeney, former Liberal advisor and PR Council representative, who discusses reforms to the NDIS announced earlier this week. Under the reform policy 160,000 participants will be shifted from the scheme to alternative care arrangements.

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Premier David Crisafulli vows more crime action after MP's 'not good enough' admission

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 24/04/2026, Nikita McGuire

Premier David Crisafulli has agreed 'more needs to be done', after Thuringowa MP Natalie Marr conceded the LNP's efforts on reducing crime since being elected in 2024 were "not good enough". [...] The Premier backed the laws, despite the Australian Medical Association Queensland, which labelled the repeal of drug diversion "dangerous and contrary to advice".

Also reported by: [The Courier Mail \(Online\)](#), [Northern Territory News \(Online\)](#), [Adelaide Now \(Online\)](#), [The Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Cairns Post \(Online\)](#), [Townsville Bulletin \(Townsville\)](#).

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The Farrer byelection might not be for you. But it's still about you

Canberra Times, Other, 24/04/2026, Zoë Wundenberg

I once read that we should vote as if we were the least powerful person in our electorate.[...] Then there's the geography. Farrer spans more than 100,000 square kilometres, including flood-prone and drought-prone agricultural communities and towns where access to GPs, mental health services and specialist care is already stretched

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'Take them to Byron': Gold Coast glitter strip cracks down on people living on the streets

The Guardian, Other, 25/04/2026, Andrew Messenger

Ten weeks ago, Peter Watson fell off a wall. [...] She wants council to either backflip to an earlier approach, offering help rather than compliance or at least adopt a more health and welfare focus.

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Pharmacists urge Telehealth reinstatement amid worsening fuel crisis

Retail Pharmacy, Other, 24/04/2026

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is urging the Federal Government to immediately reinstate Telehealth for Home Medicines Reviews (HMRs) as the current fuel shortage is beginning to impact patient care. Thousands of credentialed pharmacists throughout Australia routinely travel to patient homes to provide HMRs, but with petrol prices skyrocketing and pumps running dry, pharmacists say people will die if they can't access this lifesaving service, particularly those in rural and remote communities.

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Almost 10,000 patients benefit from NSW ADHD reforms

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/04/2026, Jolyon Attwooll

The State Government has also confirmed how many GPs have undertaken new training, and the estimated savings for patients. The NSW Government has confirmed almost 10,000 people in the state have taken advantage of reforms allowing GPs to issue repeat prescriptions for ADHD medication.

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2GB, Afternoons, 24/04/2026, Michael McLaren

Interview with Private Healthcare Australia CEO Dr Rachel David. McLaren discusses how the Federal Government is facing significant backlash for its plan to scrap the additional private health insurance rebate bonus for Australians over 65, a move justified by the 'intergenerational equity' buzzword. David warned that the change will result in premium increases of up to 11% for those over 70, potentially forcing 400,000 pensioners with private cover to downgrade or ditch their insurance. Industry experts argue this policy is a cost-shift to state governments, as thousands of seniors will be forced off private coverage and onto already strained public hospital elective surgery waiting lists for joint and heart procedures.

4BC, Breakfast , 24/04/2026, Dean Miller & Sofie Formica

Interview with Rebecca Lang, CEO of Queensland's Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies. Ms Lang discusses policy from the Queensland Government which will alter the policing guidelines for people possessing illicit drugs.

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POPULATION HEALTH

More cancer from booze

Courier Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 11

Alcohol consumption is likely to cause more cancer in Australia than previously thought. A University of Sydney study analysed alcohol consumption among 225,000 people Australia's largest ongoing study of health and ageing.

Also reported by: [Adelaide Advertiser \(Adelaide\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Daily Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Weekend Post \(Cairns\)](#), [The West Australian \(Saturday edition\) \(Perth\)](#).

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Territory butt last

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/04/2026, Harry Brill, Page 1

The Northern Territory has been branded as the worst performing jurisdiction in the fight against illicit tobacco, with a new report urging the Territory to introduce tighter controls and stronger enforcement powers. The analysis, conducted by the Australian Council on Smoking and Health, found the Territory was "totally off pace" compared to the rest of the nation following a state-by-state assessment.

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Tobacco ban in the UK could create a smoke-free generation

ABC Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Georgie Hewson

Anyone born after 2008 will be banned from buying cigarettes or vapes for life in the UK when a new bill becomes law. [...] In Australia, the Cancer Council's National Tobacco Issues Committee chair Alecia Brooks said it was always encouraging to see new policies internationally developed to protect new generations from taking up tobacco use.

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ABC Radio Adelaide, Mornings, 24/04/2026, Rory McClaren

Interview with Ayla Chorley, CEO of the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education. Ms Chorley advocates for greater restrictions on advertisement of alcohol.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

The miracle drugs don't work

The Saturday Paper, General News, 25/04/2026, Bianca Nogrady, Page 10

Over the past three decades, tens of billions of dollars have been spent on research to identify, develop and test drugs to remove from the brain plaques that are understood to cause Alzheimer's disease the neurodegenerative disorder that is now the leading cause of death in Australia. That quest is littered with failures.

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No deal on diabetics' drugs

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/04/2026, Anthony Piovesan, Page 21

Australians will be denied discounted access to a sought-after weight-loss and diabetes drug on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), due to a funding feud between the federal government and pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly. The company confirmed its drug Mounjaro would not be listed on the PBS for people living with type 2 diabetes despite receiving a positive recommendation from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) - due to "unrealistic and unviable" price conditions.

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

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Microbe study on track

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 20

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre researchers in Melbourne have developed a new tool that can track how microbes spread between people with unprecedented precision, offering new ways to prevent infections and improve treatments based on healthy bacteria. The new tool, called TRACS, allows researchers to distinguish between closely related strains of the same microbial species.

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Game changer in cancer treatment

The West Australian (Saturday edition), General News, 25/04/2026, Claire Sadler, Page 20

A trial therapy for a rare type of blood cancer is giving WA patients a break from gruelling treatments and side effects. Fiona Stanley Hospital is assessing whether a targeted one-off treatment of CAR T-cell therapy is more effective in treating myeloma — a treatable but incurable blood cancer, which means patients have to undergo new treatments every time the disease relapses.

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

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Teen beats stage 4 cancer after luggage strain misdiagnosis

Canberra Times, Other, 24/04/2026, Orlander Ruming

When Niamh Graham complained of chest pain she was initially told it might have been strain from pulling her luggage. [...] The Grahams and MissingSchool are calling on the Australian government to recognise the 1.2 million children across the country who are missing months, or years, of school due to complex or chronic health conditions.

Also reported by: [Newcastle Herald \(Online\)](#), [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Illawarra Mercury \(Online\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#)

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Alison didn't recognise the symptoms of her stroke. She wants to stop others making the same mistake

ABC Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Tilda Colling

When Alison Reidy suffered a stroke at 38, she initially thought it was just a bad migraine. "Honestly, it came out of nowhere," she said.

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This Unanderra woman's research became her family's devastating reality

Illawarra Mercury, Other, 24/04/2026, Adam McLean & Natalie Croxon

When Giverny Witheridge embarked on her PhD, she wanted to examine the stories of head and neck cancer patients and their families in a bid to understand how storytelling can help with navigating healthcare systems. The Unanderra woman later gained an intimate but devastating insight into this experience when her own beloved mother, Silvana, was diagnosed with that very cancer and died months later.

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New CEO for PCA

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/04/2026

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) has announced the appointment of Dr Chris Hatherly as the organisation's new chief executive officer. A highly respected not-for-profit leader with 20 years' experience across research, policy, health and ageing, Dr Hatherly brings deep expertise in national advocacy, evidence-informed policy development, and coalition-building across government, academia, industry and consumer groups.

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ABC News, ABC Nightly News, 24/04/2026, Yvonne Yong

New research from the Stroke Foundation has found the Northern Territory health system's ability to recognise the symptoms of an impending stroke are the worst in the country. One woman who's been through the experience hopes that will change.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Two wars, two widows, one bond: shared sorrow a path to rare joy

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Jamie Walker, Page 1

The 64-year age gap dissolves in peals of laughter when Jess Taylor and Betty Bull get together. [...] "What we are seeing, and what was highlighted by the Royal Commission (into Defence and Veteran Suicide) is the complexity of the needs of families that are supporting a veteran with mental health conditions ... it's not just an individual in trauma, it's a whole family in trauma, so the approach has got to reflect that."

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From battlefields to ballet: the program saving veterans

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Jane Albert, Page 18

Matt Neale had spent 15 years working with the Australian Defence Force, predominantly as a bombardier in the artillery, serving in Australia and deploying to East Timor, but when his workplace-related injuries prevented him carrying out his duties he was medically discharged. [...] The program came about in part in response to the findings from the 2021 Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, which noted that 1677 serving and former serving defence personnel had died by suicide between 1997 and 2021.

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

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Parental 'insight' on teen AI chats

Daily Telegraph, General News, 25/04/2026, Eilidh Sproul-Mellis, Page 27

Tech giant Meta has rolled out additional protections for teen users of its artificial intelligence chatbot, allowing Australian parents some basic oversight of what their children are searching with the tool. [...] Announcing its new AI supervision tool, Meta added it was still working on a system to alert parents if their children discussed suicide or self-harm with the chatbot, a feature it would have "more to share on ... soon".

Also reported by: [Courier Mail \(Brisbane\)](#), [Herald Sun \(Melbourne\)](#), [Geelong Advertiser \(Geelong\)](#).

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A quiet revolution

Hobart Mercury, Weekend, 25/04/2026, Bridget Clarke, Page 1

In the relentless churn of the daily news cycle, it's easy to become consumed by "the issues" - be it climate change, health system collapse, or global conflict. [...] Crisis interventions for children at risk of suicide have roughly doubled between 2018 and 2023, according to a 2024 report from Kids Helpline.

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Voice from beyond the grave

Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 25/04/2026, Ann Wason Moore, Page 21

With her last words, Giaan Ramsay asked that her strength not go to waste. Now, after a landmark review into youth mental health care on the Gold Coast, parents Steve and Lizel believe their daughter's voice is being heard even beyond her death and that it will save future lives.

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We're all worried about the manosphere — yet no one seems concerned about its female counterpart

ABC Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Inga-Britt Pinkstone

The manosphere has the media in a panic, especially following the release of Louis Theroux's recent documentary. Yet despite the number of women influencers, the idea that there could be a female equivalent seems to have eluded many.

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IMMUNISATION

Pfizer pushes for prevention

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/04/2026

Pfizer Australia is marking World Immunisation Week (24--30 April) by urging the Federal Government to make prevention a Budget priority, warning that declining vaccination rates and slipping confidence in immunisation are leaving communities vulnerable as winter approaches. In a Pre-Budget Submission, the pharma giant has called for a stronger national focus on prevention, including increased investment in preventative health and timely access to vaccine innovation.

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Pharmacy visits urged this World Immunisation Week

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/04/2026

The national Guild has reminded patients of the range of vaccination services pharmacies offer amid World Immunisation Week. The Pharmacy Guild of Australia says World Immunisation Week is the perfect time to visit a pharmacy for vaccination or record checks.

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GPs take flu prevention message to Queensland Parliament

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/04/2026, Karen Burge

Queensland GPs gathered at State Parliament this week to deliver flu vaccinations and sound advice ahead of this year's flu season. Representatives from RACGP Queensland, including faculty Chair Dr Cath Hester, took part in the seasonal flu prevention event to support public health preparedness, reduce the impact of seasonal influenza, and highlight practical actions that help protect individuals, workplaces and the broader comm

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Channel 9, Nine News, 24/04/2026, Brenton Ragless

Pharmacists are urging families to get vaccinated now, calling the weekend before the return to school the sweet spot for vaccinations. As the influenza virus changes every year, protecting yourself from new strains is crucial.

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HEALTH ECONOMICS & RESEARCH

Brain wave: it's a pill for concussion

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, David Penberthy, Page 1

The treatment of concussion may be about to change thanks to a groundbreaking collaboration involving hundreds of grassroots footballers, a group of world-class medicos and a giant of footy who has devoted himself to tackling the biggest health challenge and legal threat facing contact sports worldwide. Under a trial involving brain and trauma specialists at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and two dozen amateur clubs, players are taken the day they are injured into ICU-standard care at the RAH and administered a revolutionary drug developed by US-based Astrocyte Pharmaceuticals which escalates the brain's capacity to heal.

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Lab discovers sugar nemesis in magic molecule

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Angus Dalton, Page 7

A game-changing discovery by Australian researchers into one of life's most critical and abundant molecules could lead to treatments that regulate the body's sugar more directly than drugs such as Ozempic. The molecule, ubiquitin, was so named because it is ubiquitous.

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

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Superstars leading the cancer fight

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/04/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 24

South Australia's emerging stars of cancer research are developing breakthroughs that will make treatments more successful here and across the globe. From developing personalised genetic medicines to longer-lasting fluorescent dyes, these researchers aim to reduce the rate and impact of cancer.

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FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

Transparency at the foundation of \$842 million in remote NT funding

National Indigenous Times, Other, 24/04/2026, David Prestipino

New Commonwealth funding agreements with Aboriginal organisations delivering services in remote NT will be bound by strict governance and accountability mechanisms to help ensure the \$842 million would directly benefit remote communities. [...] Additional new funding agreements for place-based community and economic development, mediation and peacemaking activities, and Aboriginal law and justice groups are set to be finalised in coming months.

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PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

Unions welcome hospital alarms but overcapacity still an issue

Northern Territory News, General News, 25/04/2026, Lottie Hood, Page 7

Northern Territory nursing, midwifery and doctor union top dogs have welcomed the government's decision to introduce personal duress alarms in hospitals but said overcrowding is part of the issue. On Wednesday, the Health Minister Steve Edgington announced that the NT government would be giving 150 staff in two Top End hospitals personal panic buttons.

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

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Retirement sparks hunt for new health honcho

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/04/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 13

SA Health boss Dr Robyn Lawrence has told Peter Malinauskas she will retire in October, sparking the search for a new health tsar with the biggest budget and workforce, and second-highest pay in the state public service. [...] Challenges for Dr Lawrence have included the ramping crisis, chronically clogged emergency departments, a blowout in overdue elective surgery cases and increased security incidents in hospitals.

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

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Fuel crisis could make SA's debt even worse

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 25/04/2026, Paul Starick, Page 26

Believe it or not, Australia is in the eye of the global fuel crisis storm. [...] Former treasurer Stephen Mullighan repeatedly declared debt would peak in the year or so before the first motorists go through the \$15.4bn South Rd tunnels in 2031 and the first patients enter the \$3.2bn Women's and Children's Hospital in the same year.

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Putting it on the line to safeguard health

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 47

For more than a decade, staff at the Calvary Mater Newcastle raised concerns about mould, water quality and maintenance failures inside a hospital treating some of the region's sickest patients. For years, our Health Services Union (HSU) members' concerns were watered down, ignored or met with threats.

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Milthorpe suggests preferences say a lot about the Coalition

Border Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Chelsea Wilson, Page 9

Despite promising millions for Albury hospital if elected, the Coalition will preference their conservative opponent One Nation over other pro-hospital candidates in the Farrer byelection. In her how-to-vote cards, Liberal candidate Raissa Butkowski listed One Nation fourth, behind the Nationals and out-of-towner independent Roger Woodward.

Also reported by: [The Border Mail \(Online\)](#), [Shepparton News Online \(Online\)](#).

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Fewer know to call triple-0

Weekend Post, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 5

Concerning new data reveals fewer Australians than ever know to call triple-0 when a stroke strikes. Stroke Foundation's National FAST Awareness Survey found 74 per cent of Aussies say they would call triple-0 as a first action when witnessing or experiencing a stroke, the lowest level on record since the survey began in 2019.

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Woman chooses to go blind in one eye after delays in care at Modbury Hospital

A 47-year-old woman receiving care at a public eye clinic in South Australia says her experience has been so poor she is choosing to go blind in one eye. For the past year Cindy Dunn has been injected with medication in both of her eyes every month at the Modbury Hospital Outpatient Eye Clinic.

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HEALTH WORKFORCE

Nurses in bid for better pay, conditions

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/04/2026, Bridget Clarke, Page 13

The working conditions of nurses across mental health, ambulance services and midwifery will come under scrutiny this week as the nurses' union formally enters enterprise agreement negotiations. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation have put forward 68 individual claims aimed at improving working conditions for nurses across the three areas of the state's health system.

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A labour of love pushed to the limit: Why our midwives are crying out for help

Hobart Mercury, General News, 25/04/2026, Emily Shepherd, Page 24

Midwives around the Royal Hobart Hospital are wearing "More Midwives Matter!" badges. We have also initiated a petition calling on Health Minister Bridget Archer to urgently address growing safety concerns in maternity services.

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'We are terrified': nurses

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 1

John Hunter Hospital nurses fear heavier workloads and more burnout over the Minns government's failure to fund more beds at the site. Rosie Dewil, the hospital's branch president for the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, said "every day we're short 40 to 65 beds across the hospital".

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Care factor remains high in ongoing battle for recognition

Newcastle Herald, General News, 25/04/2026, Page 38

Caring is an innate quality of being a nurse or midwife. For more than a century however, this key trait has been taken advantage of, leading to the highly feminised professions of nursing and midwifery being undervalued. Last week, the NSW Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) validated this, but in the same breath said the NSW government couldn't afford a larger pay rise for registered nurses, midwives and enrolled nurses due to the fiscal impact, forcing them to bear the brunt of the state's economic position.

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New RACP board registered with regulators without Professor Jennifer Martin

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/04/2026, Jamie Thannoo

The president-elect of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians says she is chairing a new college board that has been recognised by regulators without the current president, Professor Jennifer Martin.

Two days after the college's explosive EGM vote to oust president Professor Martin, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) have listed a new board without her.

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Training for GPs to diagnose and treat ADHD not good enough, top paediatrician warns

Australian Doctor, Other, 24/04/2026, Rachel Carter

The state-based training for GPs to diagnose and manage ADHD needs reform, with some programs putting too much emphasis on pharmacological treatment, a top paediatrician warns. Since 2023, most states and territories have given GPs greater powers to diagnose and treat ADHD, although the scope and training requirements vary.

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IPA to provide \$5,000 scope training boost

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/04/2026

Independent Pharmacies Australia (IPA) has announced it will provide a \$5,000 contribution per pharmacy towards expanded scope of practice training, equipping its member pharmacists with the clinical capability, confidence and business support to deliver expanded services in-store.

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New recognition for GPs with veterans' health skills

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 24/04/2026, Jon Solmundson

To make GPs' skillset in military medicine and veterans' health 'more visible', the RACGP is launching a program to mark ANZAC Day. The DVA's Chief Health Officer said the new recognition aims to 'encourage deeper skill development and make specialist GP expertise in veterans' health more visible'.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Outrage at suspension of gender critic doctor

Weekend Australian, General News, 25/04/2026, Stephen Rice, Page 3

Australia's peak psychiatry body has suspended prominent Queensland psychiatrist Andrew Amos over his public statements opposing gender-affirming medical treatment for children and teenagers, in a move that has sent shockwaves through the medical profession. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists has withdrawn Dr Amos's membership just weeks after the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency gagged him from making online statements about gender issues and barred him from clinical contact with patients.

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

Psychiatrist's unjust suspension

Weekend Australian, Editorials, 25/04/2026, Page 12

Medical science is far from settled about the best treatments for gender dysphoria. In: a controversial and relatively new sphere of clinical practice, doctors' opinions differ widely, as in other medical specialties. [...] The RANZCP's withdrawal of Dr Amos's membership follows the recent attacks on his freedom of speech - a fundamental right in our democracy - by the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, which gagged him from making online statements about gender issues and barred him from direct clinical contact with patients.

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

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'Survival mode' hides litany of mental demons

Weekend Australian, Sport, 25/04/2026, Jay Clark, Page 40

Nathan Thompson described it as a "survival mode". [...] Players have free access to a network of more than 600 Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency-approved mental health experts including psychologists and psychiatrists, and every year the demand has increased.

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

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Time for Crisafulli to show leadership

Courier Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Des Houghton, Page 54

It is time for the Queensland government to admit that the suspension of child psychiatrist Jillian Spencer by Queensland Health was gut-wrenching injustice. Her 'crime' was to be a voice of reason. [...] Queensland psychiatrist Andrew Amos was banned by the Medical Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency from making online statements about gender issues and barred from having direct clinical contact with any patients for supporting Dr Spencer.

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

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Bid to beach 81yo's charges

Courier Mail, General News, 25/04/2026, Emily Walker, Page 12

A lawyer plans to argue there is no case against an 81-year-old euthanasia advocate accused of involvement in an alleged scheme using a whale charity to traffic suicide drugs, a court has heard. The Southport Magistrates Court was told on April 16 that lawyer Michael McMillian plans to make a no-case submission for his client, Elaine Arch-Rowe.

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

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Former high-profile NT doctor committed to stand trial on multiple sexual offences, including rape

ABC Online, Other, 24/04/2026, Elsie Lange

A former high-profile Northern Territory doctor charged with multiple sexual offences, including rape, has been committed to stand trial later this year. The man has been charged with sexual intercourse without consent and acts of gross indecency against two women known to him, in relation to separate incidents in 2021 and 2024.

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Company fined for refusing to comply with Ahpra investigation

Australian Journal of Pharmacy, Other, 24/04/2026, Megan Haggan

AHPRA has the power to compel businesses to provide evidence to support investigations, the

regulator has reminded health professionals. AHPRA has issued a statement highlighting that for the first time under the National Law, a business has been prosecuted for failing to comply with a Notice to Produce Information.

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AUSTRALIAN CDC

Perth student Alexander Philogene, 21, dies hours after developing meningococcal B symptoms on flight

9News, Other, 24/04/2026, April Glover

Australians have been warned against a severe strain of meningococcal B circulating in Europe after a Perth man died from the deadly disease while on university exchange. Alexander "Zander" Philogene – the nephew of prominent Adelaide chef Chris Jarmer – had been studying in Vienna and began developing symptoms while on a flight from Portugal earlier this month.

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THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

TGA approves new follicular lymphoma drug

Pharmacy Daily, Other, 24/04/2026

Specialised Therapeutics has announced that Minjuvi (tafasitamab), in combination with rituximab and lenalidomide, has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for the treatment of Australian adults with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Clean swimmer risks it all to cash in on Enhanced Games

Sydney Morning Herald, Sport, 25/04/2026, Tom Decent, Page 46

Hunter Armstrong is a former 50-metre backstroke world record holder and an Olympic Games gold medallist. The 25-year-old American swimmer is a seven-time world champion, mostly in relays, and has built a decorated career previously untouched by the sort of drama that he has now placed himself in the middle of.

Also reported by: [The Saturday Age \(Melbourne\)](#), [Sydney Morning Herald \(Online\)](#).

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Test case: man busted for drug driving

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 25/04/2026, Andrew Thomson, Page 10

A test case has arrived in the Warrnambool court relating to a driver being charged with drug driving while he has a prescription for medicinal cannabis. Benjamin Alger appeared in the Warrnambool Magistrates' Court on Monday, April 13, 2026, for a mention hearing.

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