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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[Daily Telegraph \(page 3\)](#)** reports that the cost of healthcare for smokers is set to reach almost \$3bn despite the Federal Government's attempt to regulate the industry via its tobacco excise policy, Minister Mark Butler saying it was a serious problem and the answer was "enforcement".
- **[Hobart Mercury \(page 14\)](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has accused state and territory leaders of "posturing" after they attacked reforms to the NDIS which Labor are hoping will save \$35bn by removing as many as 160,000 people from the scheme and by targeting port and provider requirements.
- **[Adelaide Advertiser \(page 3\)](#)** reports that Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has warned hospital authorities he "expected that alternative funding sources will be explored to sustain its operation beyond this period" after the Federal Government funded a \$2.5m lifeline to the \$500m Australian Bragg Centre for Proton Therapy and Research to retain specialist clinical expertise and allow for "comparative planning activities" as other states bid for the proton therapy unit.
- **[The Guardian](#)** reports that Health Minister Mark Butler has resisted delaying changes to the NDIS, arguing that pushing reforms back by six months could cost billions of dollars and would prolong action on quality control and fraud. An inquiry into the proposed changes for the NDIS is expected to hand down its report on Tuesday.

- [Adelaide Advertiser \(page 1\)](#) reports that South Australian hospital emergency patient numbers have spiked more than 50 per cent in 15 years, despite a record \$11.4bn in annual taxpayer cash and 700 extra hospital beds.
- [Adelaide Advertiser \(page 6\)](#) reports that Monash University researchers are heralding the "promising" discovery of a drug that delivers copper to the brain which has emerged as a potential treatment for Alzheimer's after it was found to purge the brain of the toxic proteins believed to be behind the debilitating disease.

## MINISTER BUTLER

### Fund warns CGT reform to hit growth

Australian Financial Review, General News, 15/06/2026, John Kehoe and Lucas Baird, Page 1

One of the biggest industry superannuation funds, Hostplus, has warned that the Albanese government's capital gains tax overhaul could hurt investment and innovation, ahead of a lightning Senate inquiry [...]

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### Ask Ai: five tips to limit CGT damage

The Australian, General News, 15/06/2026, Greg Brown, Page 1

The Australian Industry Group has proposed a compromise to the Albanese government's capital gains tax overhaul through five amendments that would limit its damage to business investment, ratcheting up pressure on Jim Chalmers to make larger changes to the proposed tax hit than narrow carveouts for start-ups. [...] Health Minister Mark Butler said on Sunday that a 12-month delay to the NDIS reforms would cost the budget \$17bn, making the cost of a six-month delay considerable.

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### 'Get on with the job': Butler rejects fears NDIS cuts will be fatal

The Australian, General News, 15/06/2026, Thomas Henry, Page 5

Health Minister Mark Butler has rejected evidence given before a Senate inquiry that disabled Australians would die as a result of the government's cuts to the NDIS, putting pressure on his state counterparts to "get on with the job". Mr Butler claimed Labor's sweeping reforms to the \$55bn scheme would not force disabled people towards riskier treatments or put their lives at risk, but could not provide specifics on how treatment assessment would work.

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

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### Dismissive doctor left 12-year-old girl wishing for death

Age, General News, 15/06/2026, Aisha Dow and Kate Aubusson, Page 1

The memory of her child begging to die still makes Julia Holmwood feel physically sick. Her 12-year-old daughter, Penny, was tough. [...] Defending the reforms, the office of Health Minister Mark Butler said there had been an almost 20 per cent increase in GP appointments lasting over 20 minutes for female patients.

Also reported by: [Sydney Morning Herald \(Sydney\)](#).

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### Smokers' \$3 billion health blowout

Daily Telegraph, General News, 15/06/2026, Jon Kaila, Page 3

Taxpayers will be forced to pay almost \$3bn towards the healthcare of smokers due to the federal government's bungled tobacco excise policy. [...] Labor Health Minister Mark Butler said it was a serious problem and the answer was "enforcement".

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## NDIS row 'posturing'

Hobart Mercury, General News, 15/06/2026, Nathan Schmidt, Page 14

Health Minister Mark Butler has accused state and territory leaders of "posturing" after an extraordinary attack over reforms to the NDIS. Disability advocates and the sector appeared last week before a parliamentary probe into the proposed changes, which Labor hopes will save \$35bn by removing as many as 160,000 people from the scheme and by targeting port and provider requirements.

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## Bunker bailout as Vic circles

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, Andrew Hough, Page 3

South Australia's embattled medical institute has a new taxpayer-funded bailout as ministers desperately fight a brazen interstate bid to snatch a planned world-leading cancer unit from Adelaide. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, who authorised the cash from an existing agreement, warned authorities he "expected that alternative funding sources will be explored to sustain its operation beyond this period".

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## Beam it here

Herald Sun, General News, 15/06/2026, Robyn Riley, Page 1

Families of children with brain cancer are pleading with the state and federal governments to fund a proton beam therapy (PBT) service at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. [...] The Herald Sun put questions to federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Victorian Health Minister Harriet Shing about a PBT service at Peter Mac.

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## States 'posturing' over changes: Butler

Canberra Times, General News, 15/06/2026, Andrew Brown, Page 6

Criticism of looming changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme by states and territories is overblown, the minister who oversees the scheme says. Carve-outs from the reforms were unlikely despite disapproval from the disability sector and state and territory disability ministers, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said yesterday.

*Also reported by:* [Illawarra Mercury \(Wollongong\)](#), [Central Western Daily \(Orange\)](#), [Daily Liberal \(Dubbo\)](#), [Western Advocate \(Bathurst\)](#), [Daily Advertiser \(Wagga Wagga\)](#), [Border Mail \(Albury-Wodonga\)](#), [Northern Daily Leader \(Tamworth\)](#), [Ballarat Courier \(Ballarat\)](#), [Launceston Examiner \(Launceston\)](#), [Burnie Advocate \(Burnie\)](#), [Newcastle Herald \(Newcastle\)](#), [Australian Associated Press \(Online\)](#), [Bathurst Western Advocate \(Online\)](#), [Lismore City News \(Online\)](#), [Bunbury Mail \(Online\)](#), [Braidwood Times \(Online\)](#), [Canberra Times \(Online\)](#), [Mandurah Mail \(Online\)](#), [Coly Point Observer \(Online\)](#), [Batemans Bay Post \(Online\)](#), [Kimberley Echo \(Online\)](#), [Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser \(Online\)](#).

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## Bite back on NDIS critics

West Australian, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 12

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## Mark Butler hits back after 'extraordinary submission' against NDIS changes

ABC Online, Other, 14/06/2026, Ewa Staszewska

Health Minister Mark Butler has defended against criticisms from state and territory disability ministers about the cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, reiterating that people with a disability would not be left without support. Mr Butler also left the door open to adjusting the government's proposed reforms as it aims to save \$35 billion over a decade.

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## Health Minister Mark Butler accuses states of exaggerating NDIS criticism

Thenightly.com.au, Other, 14/06/2026

State and territory ministers have hit out at looming reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, but the minister in charge says they're posturing. Adelaide woman arrested over alleged multi-million dollar NDIS fraud (Source: 7NEWS AFP have raided an Adelaide home after a woman has been accused of fraud. [...] Carve-outs from the reforms were unlikely despite disapproval from the disability sector and state and territory disability ministers, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said on Sunday.

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## NDIS overhaul defended by the Albanese government after claim people will 'die' - as 160,000 Australians face removal from the scheme

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 14/06/2026

The plans were criticised this week in the Senate Health Minister Mark Butler has defended sweeping reforms to the National Disability Insurance Scheme after a warning that disabled Australians could die. About 160,000 people will be removed from the NDIS and transferred to other state-run support programs as part of changes designed to cut the cost of the \$56billion scheme.

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## Butler warns Coalition against using NDIS cuts as 'pawn in bigger game' and says bill delays could cost billions

The Guardian, Other, 14/06/2026, Sarah Basford Canales

Mark Butler has doubled down on his plans to pass contentious NDIS changes as early as this month, warning the opposition against using the bill as a "pawn in a bigger game of chess" as they consider a potential deal with the Greens. The Coalition and the Greens have criticised Labor's truncated timeline to pass NDIS, negative gearing and capital gains changes, and have signalled they could team up against the government in the Senate to extend inquiries into the bills.

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## Minister accuses states of exaggerating NDIS criticism

Michael West Media, Other, 14/06/2026, Claudia Weisenberger

Criticism of looming changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme by states and territories is overblown, the minister who oversees the scheme says. Carve-outs from the reforms were unlikely

despite disapproval from the disability sector and state and territory disability ministers, federal Health Minister Mark Butler said on Sunday.

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## Health minister Mark Butler labels states' NDIS concerns 'extraordinary' amid plan to remove thousands from scheme

Sky News Australia, Other, 14/06/2026, Conor Breslin

Health Minister Mark Butler has accused state and territory governments of backtracking on disability reform commitments after warnings that people could be left without support under planned changes to the NDIS. Health Minister Mark Butler has launched a fresh defence of the federal government's NDIS overhaul, rejecting warnings from state and territory ministers that people with disability could lose access to critical services.

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## Huge find in cancer screening

Yahoo! Lifestyle Australia, Other, 14/06/2026

More than 230 hidden cancer cases have been detected after tens of thousands of Aussies came forward to get tested. The National Lung Cancer Screening Program was launched by the Albanese government a year ago, offering access to free screenings. [...] Health minister Mark Butler said he "strongly urged" eligible people to sign up for it.

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## ABC, ABC News (Sunday), 14/06/2026, Greg Jennett

Federal Opposition's prominent frontbencher, Jonathon Duniam, is set to resign, but he insists that he will stay on to finalise the party's immigration policy and its position on Labor's budget bills. Meanwhile, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler is open to tweaking his overhaul of the \$50b a year NDIS, which he wants passed by early July, but the Opposition is threatening to delay that by teaming up with the Greens to force a lengthy inquiry.

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## ABC, Insiders, 14/06/2026, David Speers

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, on the Federal Government's proposed changes to the NDIS. Butler says the NDIS is probably the most significant social reform Australia has made since Medicare in the 80s, and it has transformed the lives of Australians for the better. He also says he understands why Australians are concerned to hang on to the reform, but the scheme's cost has grown far too big, and he wants to reassure them that the NDIS will still be the biggest social program in Australia, and it will remain the centrepiece of the most comprehensive suite of supports for people with disabilities.

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## ABC News, ABC News Overnight, 15/06/2026

News The Health Minister open to tweaking his overhaul of the \$50 billion a year NDIS which he wants passed by early July. The opposition threatening to delay that by teaming up with the Greens to force a lengthy inquiry.

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## ABC News, ABC News Overnight, 15/06/2026

News Arianna Levy, abc News, Parramatta. The federal opposition has been dealt a fresh blow with the shock retirement of prominent frontbencher John O'Donoghue.

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## Channel 9, National Nine News (Sunday), 14/06/2026, Peter Overton

The Federal Government's National Lung Cancer Screening Program has detected hundreds of previously undetected cases in its first year, while tens of thousands of Australians have taken up the opportunity for a check-up, with experts saying it's saving lives. Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says the Federal Government's free lung cancer screening program is targeted at people aged between 50 and 70 with a significant history of smoking, while Lung Foundation CEO Mark Brooke notes that many Australians would not know that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in Australia.

*Similar coverage reported by: [Channel 9 \(Adelaide\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Brisbane\)](#), [Channel 9 \(Perth\)](#), [NBN Gold Coast \(Gold Coast\)](#), [NBN Lismore \(Lismore\)](#), [NBN Newcastle Hunter \(Newcastle\)](#), [NBN Gold Coast \(Gold Coast\)](#), [NBN Tamworth \(Tamworth\)](#), [NBN Central Coast \(Gosford\)](#).*

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## 2GB, 15:00 News (Weekend), 14/06/2026

Federal Treasury modelling shows more than 240,000 people will be cut from the NDIS over the next four years. A Federal Government overhaul will tighten rules and cut spending on the multi-billion dollar program, but Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has told the ABC that people who need the care will still receive it.

*Also reported by: [3AW \(Melbourne\)](#), [6PR \(Perth\)](#), [FIVEAA \(Adelaide\)](#).*

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## ABC Radio Brisbane, 12:00 News (Weekend), 14/06/2026

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has warned a 12-month delay to the Federal Government's NDIS overhaul would cost the budget \$17b. The Federal Government's proposed changes to NDIS were the single biggest savings measure in last month's budget, and it now wants to push the legislation through Parliament by early July, but the Coalition has reportedly offered to do a deal with the Greens to force a six-month inquiry.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, 17:00 News (Weekend), 14/06/2026

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has hit back at the states over claims the Federal Government's overhaul of the NDIS goes beyond what they'd agreed to. The Federal Government wants the changes passed by Parliament in early July, saving the budget \$35b over a decade.

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## ABC Radio Sydney, 14:00 News (Weekend), 14/06/2026

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler says he's open to adjusting the Federal Government's proposed NDIS overhaul, but insists the scheme needs to be curtailed. The Federal Government wants to reduce the spending growth rate of the scheme to save \$35b over a decade.

*Also reported by: [ABC Radio Hobart \(Hobart\)](#), [ABC Radio Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#), [ABC Radio Melbourne \(Melbourne\)](#), [ABC Radio Canberra \(Canberra\)](#), [ABC Radio Perth \(Perth\)](#).*

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## SPECIAL ENVOY REPACHOLI

### Peptides a 'big gamble to take'

Newcastle Herald, General News, 15/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw, Page 3

Rich Fogarty has tried peptides, but says they didn't do much for him. "I jumped on the peptides - the 157s - for a little bit," said Mr Fogarty, owner of Bro Fit Newcastle. [...] He prepared a briefing paper for the government on peptides and has discussed the issue with federal men's health special envoy Dan Repacholi.

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### Men's Health Week

2HD, Other, 14/06/2026

Tomorrow marks the start of Men's Health Week, with men and boys encouraged to start conversations and prioritise their mental and physical well-being. Despite experiencing higher rates of chronic disease, preventable illness and premature death, many men continue to delay seeking medical care. [...] Federal government Special Envoy for Men's Health and Hunter MP Dan Repacholi says "to make lasting change, men need to see visiting a doctor or health professional as normal and not a big deal.

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### Australia's first Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi flags opportunities presented during Men's Health Week

Australasian Leisure Management, Other, 14/06/2026

Australia's first Special Envoy for Men's Health Dan Repacholi (who also has a direct elite sport background and is Federal Member for Hunter in New South Wales) has flagged Men's Health Week (15 th to 21 st June) as an opportunity to encourage Australian men and boys to prioritise their health and wellbeing and to start conversations that can save lives.

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### Men's Health Week - Time for men to put their health first

WEB Men.com.au, Other, 14/06/2026

Men's Health Week (June 15 to June 21) is an opportunity to encourage Australian men and boys to prioritise their health and wellbeing and to start conversations that can save lives. This year, during Men's Health Week, the Federal Government's Special Envoy for Men's Health, Dan Repacholi, is focusing on four important issues affecting Australian men: encouraging men to visit their GP, improving First Nations men's health, increasing awareness of bowel cancer, and promoting better sexual health in the GBTIQ+ community.

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## The hidden medical crisis in remote towns

Launceston Examiner, General News, 15/06/2026, Matt Maloney, Page 4

Remote general practices in Tasmania are being forced to operate as de facto emergency departments without adequate government funding, a situation doctors say is placing rural patients at risk and causing practitioner burnout. [...] In a submission to the inquiry, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing noted that of the 137 scheduled Medicare urgent care clinics, 47 of them would support regional, rural, and remote Australia.

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

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## ABC, Insiders, 14/06/2026, David Speers

Interview with Federal Health Minister Mark Butler, on the Federal Government's proposed changes to the NDIS. Butler says the NDIS is probably the most significant social reform Australia has made since Medicare in the 80s, and it has transformed the lives of Australians for the better. He also says he understands why Australians are concerned to hang on to the reform, but the scheme's cost has grown far too big, and he wants to reassure them that the NDIS will still be the biggest social program in Australia, and it will remain the centrepiece of the most comprehensive suite of supports for people with disabilities.

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## AGEING AND AGED CARE

### Midlife habits to boost brain health

Australian Financial Review, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 37

Miia Kivipelto's life's work has been about preventing dementia.

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### Ticket to Wellbeing extended

Hobart Mercury, General News, 15/06/2026, David Killick, Page 5

A popular voucher program to help older Tasmanians participate in sport and active recreation has been extended for a further two years. Sport Minister Nick Duigan said the two-year Ticket to Wellbeing trial had been a huge success, delivering \$100 vouchers to 9500 Tasmanians.

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### Practical and rights-based approach is urgently needed to prevent elder abuse in our communities

Hobart Mercury, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 18

Imagine growing older and losing your safety in the place you should be safest.

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### Pumping up the pension

West Australian, Business News, 15/06/2026, Nick Bruining, Page 41

Australia's hotter-than-expected inflation has flowed through to Centrelink's means tests. An increase of just over 3.6 per cent across the board lifts the lower thresholds, but also the levels where payments are cut off completely.

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### Older Australians with motor neurone disease consider early

## **euthanasia under aged care system**

ABC Online, Other, 14/06/2026, Samantha Dick

Older Australians with motor neurone disease (MND) say they are considering premature euthanasia in the absence of adequate government support. People diagnosed after turning 65 must rely on the aged care system for support, as they are not eligible for the NDIS.

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## **Building a stronger response to elder abuse starts with better data**

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 15/06/2026

Australia needs a comprehensive and accurate picture of the prevalence, characteristics and impact of elder abuse in order to combat the problem. Abuse of older people is an important public health issue, and the impacts can be both immediate and long-lasting.

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## **DISABILITY AND CARERS**

### **NDIS bill is harmful as is and needs redrafting with our input**

Geelong Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, George Taleporos, Page 30

The NDIS Reform Advisory Committee (RAC) has released a scathing submission on the government's NDIS Bill, warning that the legislation should not proceed in its current form and would cause "material harm" to people with disability. The committee, which was established to advise Disability Reform Ministers on the implementation of NDIS reforms, has delivered a damning evaluation of the government's proposed changes.

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### **Centrestage Pty Ltd, linked to NDIS fraudster Sy Giang Nguyen, suddenly changes website Additional Information**

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 14/06/2026, Seb Costello

A local theatre company linked to accused fraudster and Cats sponsor Sy Giang Nguyen has suddenly changed its website after the Herald Sun questioned claims that it ran a "not-for-profit" operation. more less Toggle full description view A local theatre company linked to accused fraudster and Cats sponsor Sy Giang Nguyen has suddenly changed its website after the Herald Sun questioned claims that it ran a "not-for-profit" operation.

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### **The rush to diagnose boys risks medicalising normal boy behaviour | Dr Oberklaid**

The Courier Mail, Other, 14/06/2026, Frank Oberklaid

A leading Australian pediatrician warns we could be too quick to pathologise and label boys behaviour as they are nearly three times more likely than girls to be autistic. In Australia, as is the case in most western countries, boys are diagnosed with behavioural and developmental disorders at significantly higher rates than girls.

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### **Exhausted mum who woke up with half her face paralysed blames the stress of the NDIS for her condition**

Daily Mail Australia, Other, 14/06/2026, Jonica Bray

An exhausted mum who woke up with half her face paralysed is blaming the stress of the NDIS for her predicament. Jess Schumacher's son Tommy, 4, suffers from permanent Perthes disease - a condition that affects the hip joint.

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## **ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 14/06/2026, Fauziah Ibrahim and Lorna Dunkley**

The death of AFL legend Neale Daniher from Motor Neuron Disease and the diagnosis of Rabbitohs star Jai Arrow has sparked new awareness of the illness particularly among older people. It prompted calls for the Federal Government to expand aged care support to help people manage the disease.

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## **PRIMARY CARE**

### **Emergency in hospitals**

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 1

Hospital emergency patient numbers have spiked more than 50 per cent in 15 years, shocking official data reveals. Despite a record \$11.4bn in annual taxpayer cash and 700 extra hospital beds, crushing health system strains are today laid bare for the first time.

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### **Feeling comfortably numb**

West Australian, General News, 15/06/2026, Andrew Miller, Page 13

Pink Floyd provides a cautionary tale for current generation of gym bunnies I was listening to Pink Floyd and pondering biochemistry as I peered blankly at the scruffy bloke in the mirror. Not the barber this time, but the gym I rotate through both on a similar ragged frequency.

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### **Robotic surgery 'a significant step forward'**

Ballarat Courier, General News, 15/06/2026, Michelle Smith, Page 3

Just days after Ashley Ovcak had a hysterectomy earlier this year, she was walking her daughters into school and then heading out for breakfast and coffee with her husband. Rather than the weekslong recovery process most women go through after a traditional hysterectomy, Ms Ovcak needed nothing more than over-the-counter painkillers after she was one of the first Ballarat women to undergo gynaecological surgery using the da Vinci robot at St John of God Hospital (SJOG).

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### **Power to pharmacists**

Cairns Post, General News, 15/06/2026, Molly Frew, Page 15

A new report says pharmacists could help save the health system \$1bn a year and a Cairns pharmacist says local patients are already reaping the benefits of expanded prescribing powers. "Rewriting the Script", a report prepared by HTANALYSTS, says nationwide pharmacist autonomous prescribing could create \$1bn in annual health system savings, free up over 10 million GP appointments and prevent 30, triple-0 hospitalisations annually.

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### **He had a heart for helping others**

Daily Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 2

Tony Hare's humour put patients at ease. Jac Marshall reports.

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## Union plea as data shows EDs under strain

Daily Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, John Hall, Page 5

Emergency departments across NSW are seeing a rise in the number of patients presenting in the most serious conditions with nurses bearing the brunt. The latest Bureau of Health Information (BHI) Healthcare Quarterly report revealed 800,000 ED attendances from January to March 2026 across the state.

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## Bill bungle

Kalgoorlie Miner, General News, 15/06/2026, Charlton Hart and Oliver Lane, Page 1

A private radiology company has written to Health Minister Meredith Hammat frustrated over the outcome of a meeting it had with her in January where it says it raised serious concerns about billing issues at Kalgoorlie Health Campus. Ms Hammat met Spartan First Imaging staff and former attorneygeneral John Quigley earlier this year where they say she was made aware of concerns about how the hospital was claiming rebates from Medicare and running its radiology service.

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## State's bid to meet maternity promise can't come with compromised care

The Courier Mail, Other, 14/06/2026

The medical professionals working in Queensland hospitals overwhelmingly do a good job. But when care falls short, those responsible must be held to account and answers must be provided.

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## Women's Wellbeing – Women Caring for Women

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Other, 15/06/2026

Since opening in 2003 at Greenslopes Private Hospital, Women's Wellbeing has been committed to providing high-quality, compassionate care for women across Brisbane and South East Queensland. Now located on Logan Road, our purpose-built clinic continues to evolve, offering comprehensive

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## POPULATION HEALTH

### Global private equity heavyweights join chase for Agilex

The Australian, Business News, 15/06/2026, Page 16

The sale of Healius's Agilex Biolabs business is attracting a healthy queue of private equity interest and the field is shaping up to be more international than initially apparent. EQT, the Swedish buyout firm managing more than 200bn (\$328bn) in assets globally, is understood to be among parties examining the bioanalytical laboratories group being sold via UBS.

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### Trial could change the concussion game

Age, General News, 15/06/2026, Bridget McArthur, Page 10

Ex-AFL player Paul Seedsman has had more hands on his head than he can recall. After suffering a head knock that ended his career four years ago and left him with debilitating migraines, insomnia and memory loss, the former Crows midfielder has sought treatments that have ranged from the traditional to the eccentric.

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### Foolish tobacco crusade turns revenue to ashes

Adelaide Advertiser, Editorials, 15/06/2026, Page 22

The Rudd-Gillard Labor governments' attempt to eliminate smoking through punitive tax hikes has

proved to be one of the most disastrously ill-conceived attempts at social engineering this country has ever seen. Instead of taxing tobacco out of existence, this policy straight from Labor's nanny-state playbook merely managed to create a growing budget black hole, while increasing total nicotine usage in Australia.

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## NT to clear air after scandal

Northern Territory News, General News, 15/06/2026, Fia Walsh, Page 5

The Northern Territory will begin public monitoring and reporting of specific industrial pollutants related to gas processing in the hopes of improving community confidence in the industry and Darwin air quality following a major under-reporting scandal. The CLP government will introduce legislation to measure for pollutants associated with hydrocarbon processing facilities under the Territory's air-quality monitoring network for the first time, with that data to be published online.

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## 'Superstar' Canberra scientist inspires \$4.5m act of giving

Canberra Times, General News, 15/06/2026, Megan Doherty, Page 3

The "superstar" status of a Canberra scientist sealed the deal for Western Australian philanthropists, persuading them to donate \$4.5 million to the Australian National University's Centre for Personalised Medicine. The gift was given by the McCusker Charitable Foundation, headed by chair Malcolm McCusker and his wife Tonya.

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## Vape, smoke shop shuts as crackdown continues

Border Mail, General News, 15/06/2026, Blair Thomson, Page 4

Health authorities continue to close vape and tobacco shops in the Albury area, as new research shows illicit products have an 80 per cent market share. A popular Lavington site on Wagga Road was forced to close to all business as part of an order issued by NSW Health staff on Tuesday.

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## Fears black-market booze could trigger 'terrifying' gang violence

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 15/06/2026, Joseph Humphreys and Tayla Couacaud, Page 15

Illicit alcohol has been found in Queensland bottleshops and bars, with industry leaders warning Queensland could be victim to firebombing and violence if the black market escalates further. It is understood that bars, clubs and bottleshops are selling illicit vodka in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

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## Youth mental health rebounds, but don't declare victory yet

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 15/06/2026

New HILDA data suggests under-25s mental health has rebounded from the pandemic-era decline, but still remains below 2019 levels. Australian doctors are used to hearing that youth mental health is continually getting worse, despite ever increasing provision of face-to-face and digital services.

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## Beachgoers reel from spike in national shark attacks

West Australian, Other, 14/06/2026, Farid Farid

A shark attack at a popular Sydney beach on Saturday follows a horrendous summer during which NSW experienced its highest number of January attacks in the past decade, according to the Australian Shark Incident Database. Australia has the second-highest number of recorded shark incidents globally, averaging 22 bites per year, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare says.

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# CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

## Polluters to fund air monitoring

The Australian, General News, 15/06/2026, Liam Mendes, Page 2

The Northern Territory government will introduce sweeping legislative reforms to force industrial operators to fund a real-time ambient air quality monitoring network across Darwin, following a toxic emissions scandal at a Top End liquid natural gas plant. The onshore Ichthys LNG processing facility located 10km from Darwin's CBD was last year found to have "substantially" under-reported its emissions including that of a leukaemia-causing chemical into the atmosphere since at least 2018, as well as entirely excluding dangerous chemicals that met reporting thresholds.

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## New test for cancer risk

Hobart Mercury, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 13

Researchers have identified a blood signature that can predict lung cancer risk years before diagnosis. The findings could enhance prevention strategies for Australia's biggest cancer killer.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#).

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## A powerful lesson in grace and kindness

Cairns Post, General News, 15/06/2026, Lisa Mayoh, Page 19

On Sunday night, I received the call telling me that Professor Richard Scolyer had died after his brave, arduous and often hopeful battle with brain cancer. It was late on a public holiday weekend, so I knew the news wasn't going to be good but in true Richard spirit, he was ready.

Also reported by: [Northern Territory News \(Darwin\)](#), [Toowoomba Chronicle \(Toowoomba\)](#).

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## Family starts petition after 'living hell'

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 15

The Gympie family of a beloved Mary Valley father, son and brother forced to die a long and horrible death because he was denied Voluntary Assisted Dying has launched a petition to try to spare other sufferers the same ordeal. Former grain and cattle farmer Rod Keys was a fit, intelligent and healthy 68-year-old when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2017.

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## Fix cancer care gap

Herald Sun, Editorials, 15/06/2026, Page 24

Australia can be proud of its leading standard of health care but there is a glaring gap that must be addressed. Today, the Herald Sun reports on the failure to deliver on a proton beam therapy service that would save families the cost and trauma of being forced overseas for specialist brain cancer treatment for kids.

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## 2GB, Healthy Living, 14/06/2026, Dr Ross Walker and Adam Buncher

Interview with CPAP Director founder and CEO Bryce Perron, on sleep apnea. Perron explains how sleep apnea occurs, and he states that many people who have sleep apnea do not even realise that they have the condition. He also notes that people who do not get good-quality sleep should consult a doctor and ask for a referral to Sleep Testing Australia for a formal diagnosis.

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## Does working from home make employees happier?

The Australian, Business News, 15/06/2026, Andrew Blackman, Page 19

Some six years ago, a great experiment began in workplaces across the globe. Office workers did their jobs from home before the pandemic, of course, but never so many and for so long.

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## New pattern needed for our mental health care

Gold Coast Bulletin, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 6

Sometimes we find ourselves stuck in cycles we know are not good for us. Not because we want to suffer, but because our usual ways of coping can feel safer than change.

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## Actor Jodi Gordon launches new mental health business after addiction battle

The Courier Mail, Other, 14/06/2026

Four years on from revealing her experience with alcohol addiction, Jodi Gordon is paying it forward with a groundbreaking new venture. Actor Jodi Gordon, who has been working as a mental health counsellor for the past two years, has launched her very first business The Modern Recovery Group, a mental health and peer-support venture.

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## Adverse childhood experiences have long term impacts on men's mental health

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 15/06/2026, Becca Whitehead

Almost half of Australian men have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences. Researchers say it's linked directly to adult mental ill-health.

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## 2GB, Weekends, 14/06/2026, Luke Grant

Interview with Murdoch Children's Research Institute Professor Susan Sawyer. Grant says a major study by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute has revealed that teenagers are the most vulnerable to the negative mental health impacts of online platforms. Sawyer says they found that the absolute risk was higher in younger boys, while depression and anxiety symptoms are more common in girls.

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## Raising alert on sleep pill

Northern Territory News, General News, 15/06/2026, Page 4

A commonly prescribed sleeping pill modestly improves sleep quality and reduces obstructive sleep apnoea, but significantly impairs alertness the next day. Flinders University researchers have led a clinical trial examining how low-dose quetiapine (Seroquel) affects sleep, breathing and next-day performance.

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## New aid to fight brain disease

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 15/06/2026, Laura Placella, Page 6

A drug that delivers copper to the brain has emerged as a potential treatment for Alzheimer's after it was found to purge the brain of the toxic proteins believed to be behind the debilitating disease. Monash University researchers are heralding the "promising" discovery after a five-year study showed the drug can improve long-term spatial memory, with the hope it can, ultimately, help reverse cognitive decline.

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## Frailty, muscle loss and disordered eating: what to avoid after weight-loss jabs

The Australian, Other, 14/06/2026, Penny Timms

Millions of people have now used GLP-1 drugs to lose excess kilos. But many don't know how to eat and live well after stopping the medication, says Dr Linia Patel.

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## Everything you need to know about sugar – from how much you should consume, to some of its 50 disguises

The Guardian, Other, 14/06/2026, Rachel Dixon

Many people try not to eat too much sugar, yet it is added to so much food and drink, it is hard to avoid. It goes by more than 50 different names on labels, is present even in seemingly savoury products and the alternatives are confusing and controversial.

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## Why Ozempic keeps wowing the world

ABC Online, Other, 15/06/2026

Glp-1 drugs were first approved to treat diabetes and then caused a frenzy when it was discovered they were great for weight loss. But now scientists are discovering the drugs that have brand names including Ozempic and Mounjaro might offer so much more, from reducing the risk of heart attack to treating kidney disease.

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## FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

### Operation Mosaic: How a secret 70yr-old British nuclear test sent radioactive cloud across Australian mainland

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 14/06/2026, Emma Kirk

Seven decades after Britain detonated bombs four times the size of Hiroshima off the Australian coast, the full truth about what happened is still shrouded in mystery. NewsWire 70 years since Operation

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## Looking earlier for atrial fibrillation could prevent stroke for Indigenous Australians

Medical Journal of Australia, Other, 15/06/2026

New evidence shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people develop atrial fibrillation much earlier than other Australians. Screening from age 55, and earlier for those at higher risk, is a practical step towards preventing avoidable stroke.

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## PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH REFORM

### 'You are meant to be greater': Hospital program unveiled to target youth crime

Sydney Morning Herald, Other, 14/06/2026, Marta Pascual

Youth workers and mentors will be embedded in two major Melbourne hospitals under a new state government-funded pilot program designed to divert injured youth offenders away from a life of crime. Under the \$2.5 million program, young people admitted to trauma units after being injured in a violent incident such as a machete brawl or a gang attack will be connected with a youth worker or mentor, who will be able to offer practical support to help them turn their life around.

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## CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICE

### Allied health staff to strike for 24 hours

Warrnambool Standard, General News, 15/06/2026, Ben Silvester, Page 3

Key healthcare staff at South West Healthcare (SWH) will strike for 24 hours tomorrow as they escalate industrial action against the Victorian government. Allied health workers - including social workers, radiographers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech pathologists, radiographers, radiation therapists and podiatrists - have been negotiating a new enterprise agreement for more than eight months.

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### 'Staff have endured enough': Mater workers wait for money to flow to stop mould

Newcastle Herald, Other, 14/06/2026, Damon Cronshaw

Calvary Mater staff are cautiously optimistic that action will be taken to fix the hospital's heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. The HVAC system has been pinpointed as a key cause of deadly mould contamination at the hospital.

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### PhD student Maxim makes \$18 an hour to research children's cancer – it's barely above Australia's poverty line

The Guardian, Other, 14/06/2026, Krishani Dhanji

Maxim Buckley studies how leukaemia cells communicate with each other. It's critical research but as a PhD student he's paid just \$18.50 an hour, a rate that's just above the poverty line.

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## OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

### **Medical cannabis drives bid**

Toowoomba Chronicle, General News, 15/06/2026, Michael Nolan, Page 15

A petition calling on the Queensland government to change how police administer roadside drug tests is gaining momentum. Under the current laws, drivers who test positive for the presence of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol in their saliva are charged with a drug-driving offence, regardless of their level of intoxication.

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### **Clinicians raise alarm over new drug driving laws in one state**

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 14/06/2026, Tia Clarkson-Pascoe

Clinicians have condemned plans for huge changes in one state's driving laws, claiming the evidence doesn't support the move. NewsWire Sky News host Steve Price questions changes to NSW drug-driving laws, arguing some medicinal cannabis users may be too impaired to safely get behind the wheel.

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