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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **[The Sunday Age](#)** (page 1) reports the global guidelines established by the AMA are reportedly failing terminally ill workers who develop work-related cancers, as the current framework lacks dedicated guidance to accurately measure cancer severity or its impact on a patient's life.
- **[The Daily Mail UK](#)** (online) reports the NDIA has reduced the 24-hour care package of two-time Paralympic gold medallist Tracy Barrell to eight hours of daily support, despite specialist medical reports warning that removing round-the-clock assistance poses a significant risk to her health. While NDIS Minister Senator Jenny McAllister highlighted the Federal Government's ongoing crackdown on fraud through the Fraud Fusion Taskforce, participants have expressed concern that legitimate funding packages are being cut to rein in soaring scheme costs.
- **[The Sunday Examiner](#)** (page 3) reports Tasmanian Health Minister Bridget Archer has written to Federal Health Minister Mark Butler requesting the Federal Government categorise the proposed Legana Health Hub as a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.
- **[The Sunday Herald Sun](#)** (page 4) reports an inquest into the 2019 death of a healthy baby from severe head injuries at Latrobe Regional Hospital has resulted in a recommendation for the RANZCOG to review whether using forceps for face-up positioned babies is contrary to best practice.

- [The Sunday Mail Adelaide](#) (page 2) reports the latest health data indicates that ambulance response times across South Australia have improved across all priority categories since March 2022, although opposition health spokesman Jack Batty accused the government of cherry-picking data to distract from the ramping crisis.

MINISTER BUTLER

Questions asked over promised health hub

Sunday Examiner, General News, 05/07/2026, Bailey Forbes, Page 3

A Northern Tasmanian mother has said she is extremely disappointed progress on a proposed health hub has seemingly stalled, though the Premier says construction will soon begin. [...] Subsequently, a letter written by state Health Minister Bridget Archer to her federal counterpart, Mark Butler, seen by The Examiner, asked the federal government to categorise the legana Health Hub as a Medicare urgent care clinic.

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Australia's Health System: Billions Spent, But Are Patients Better Off?

The Times Australia, Other, 04/07/2026

Health is one of the largest and most important public investments made by Australian governments. [...] Federal Health Minister Mark Butler has continued to focus on expanding bulk billing, strengthening Medicare, increasing access to urgent care clinics and improving primary healthcare access.

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MINISTER MCALLISTER

Triple-amputee who won gold at the Paralympics is left to largely fend for herself after NDIS strips away her 24-hour care

Daily Mail UK, Other, 04/07/2026, Sarah Brookes

A two-time Paralympic gold medallist born with one arm and no legs says she will be left to 'wet the bed' after the NDIS stripped away the 24-hour care she relies on to survive. [...] NDIS Minister Senator Jenny McAllister said there was nothing lower than stealing from a person with a disability.

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MINISTER RAE

Labor soars, Coalition fumbles – and no one's really looking at the big issues

The New Daily, Other, 04/07/2026, Amy Remeikis

Labor finished the last parliamentary week on a high. [...] Pushes from MPs such as Monique Ryan, who have been tireless in taking constituent cases to the Aged Care Minister Sam Rae to show the real world impact of the system, along with the non-partisan united front in the Senate, forced Labor to concede an "extenuating circumstances" discretion was needed.

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Another week of Parliament, another beating

Health Services Daily, Other, 04/07/2026, Cate Swannell

I hope Sam Rae has a good physiotherapist. [...] The federal aged care and seniors minister has been flogged from pillar to post this week after a third backflip in 2.5 months.

ASSISTANT MINISTER MCBRIDE

We're delivering healthcare that works for Territorians

Sunday Territorian, General News, 05/07/2026, Emma McBride, Page 16

In the Northern Territory, healthcare has never been as simple as building a clinic and opening the doors. [...] It's why we're making Medicare Urgent Care Clinics permanent.

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AGEING AND AGED CARE

Apnoea wake-up call

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 05/07/2026, Page 29

Sleep apnoea is linked to poorer memory and a greater burden of dementia risk. A Monash University study found participants with obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) had poorer memory than those without the condition.

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'Reckless' plans under fire

Sunday Territorian, General News, 05/07/2026, Fia Walsh, Page 9

The peak body representing older Territorians has welcomed a Senate inquiry which recommended against plans to axe an aged care home support program, warning it would lead to more red tape and out of pocket costs for elderly people. Last week the Greens-chaired Senate inquiry delivered its final report into the federal government's plan to fold the Commonwealth Home Support Program into the newly created Support at Home system.

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The real cost of Gold Coast's cashless parking meters: What council isn't telling you

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/07/2026, Dean Kerrison

More than 20 Gold Coast parking meters have gone cashless in the past three years, as advocates warn the elderly risk copping the short end of the stick from the cost-cutting exercise. [...] National Seniors Australia chief executive Chris Grice said removing the ability to pay with coins for parking meters excluded people who preferred or relied on cash.

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

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What is mild cognitive impairment? And does it always lead to dementia?

Yahoo! News Australia, Other, 04/07/2026, Nikki-Anne Wilson

You've forgotten a few appointments lately and you find yourself losing track of conversations. Close friends or family may have also noticed some changes in your memory or thinking.

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PRIMARY CARE

Ambo row flares over response times

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 05/07/2026, Aden Hill, Page 2

Ambulance response times across South Australia are improving but the opposition has accused the state government of "cherry-picking" to distract from the ramping crisis. The latest data from April, shows response times have improved across every priority category compared with March 2022, when the Malinauskas government first came to power.

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

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Maternity hospital will exceed \$1.8b: minister

Sunday Times, General News, 05/07/2026, Joe Spagnolo, Page 2

John Carey says the new Women and Babies Hospital at Murdoch remains on budget, but admits the \$1.8 billion price tag is likely to be exceeded once the project is fully completed. Releasing new artist impressions of the hospital, due for completion in 2029, the Health Infrastructure Minister said the budget did not include things such as major medical equipment.

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Health tools 'unused'

Sunday Times, General News, 05/07/2026, Page 32

Promising health tools that seek to predict a person's risk of serious health problems before they happen are rarely being used in Australia's everyday health care. The Curtin University review found Australia has developed a growing number of tools that can identify people at risk of conditions, such as heart disease, falls, frailty and diabetes complications, but very few are being routinely used by health services.

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POPULATION HEALTH

Nutritionist Mandy Sacher calls out controversial ingredient in Aussie staple

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 04/07/2026, Harrison Christian

Aussies view this food as healthy, but a nutritionist is calling out a "misleading" item packed full of additives, including an ingredient linked with restlessness in kids. [...] Mandy Sacher is the founder of the Real Food Rating, an alternative to Australia's Health Star Rating system.

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The menopause bone check women forget to ask for

Prevention, Other, 04/07/2026, Christine Diane Almanzor

Menopause has a way of making symptoms loud. [...] The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare estimated that around 853,600 Australians were living with osteoporosis or osteopenia in 2022, and notes that the true number is likely higher because many cases are undiagnosed.

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND SCREENING

Worksafe cancer rail

Sunday Age, General News, 05/07/2026, Melissa Cunningham, Page 1

Ric Perna spent more than a decade working as a maintenance manager for a company that manufactured machines to diagnose cancer and save lives. The 64-year-old did not realise it at the time, but a toxic chemical known as xylene was floating through the warehouse.

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New fix for food allergies in kids

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 05/07/2026, Rebecca Whitfield-Baker, Page 7

Australia has the world's highest rate of childhood food allergies now affecting one in 10 babies but groundbreaking research offers hope of new solutions. Experts say a relatively new approach to exposing monthsold babies to potential allergens along with new technology could help curb rising allergy rates nationally.

Also reported by: [Sunday Telegraph \(Sydney\)](#), [Sunday Mail Brisbane \(Brisbane\)](#), [Sunday Mail Adelaide \(Adelaide\)](#).

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Improved scans offer hope for pancreatic cancer

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 05/07/2026, Rachel Riley, Page 19

A groundbreaking new tumour hunter could drastically boost survival rates for one of Australia's most lethal cancers by pinpointing more patients who could undergo potentially lifesaving surgery. [...] About 4000 Australians die from pancreatic cancer each year.

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

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Belly fat link to ageing

Sunday Telegraph, General News, 05/07/2026, Page 28

New research suggests that higher levels of visceral fat, the fat stored deep in the abdomen, could contribute to faster biological ageing in middle-aged adults. The University of Western Australia researchers found visceral fat could impact the ageing process beyond general measures of obesity.

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

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The power of greens

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 05/07/2026, Page 20

Eating your greens could be the secret to breathing easier. A new Edith Cowan University study suggests people who eat more vitamin K1-rich foods such as leafy green vegetables may lower their risk of chronic lung disease.

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Glaucoma and how to protect your sight: an expert's guide

The Australian, Other, 04/07/2026, Mark Walland

When most people think about their eyesight, they focus (literally) on what is directly in front of them. [...] In Australia, an estimated 300,000 to 380,000 people are affected by glaucoma, its prevalence increasing with age.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Painkiller myth during pregnancy

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 05/07/2026, Page 18

A study of more than 120,000 children has found no link between paracetamol use during pregnancy and the risk of ADHD or autism. The University of Hong Kong study compared pairs of siblings to try to remove genetics and family environment from the equation, as both ADHD and autism have a strong inherited component.

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Secret to happiness

Sunday Times, General News, 05/07/2026, Angela Pownall, Page 18

Depression and anxiety symptoms appeared in healthy adults just 14 days after they stopped doing five daily habits, new Australian research has found. But when those people resumed the simple, everyday actions, known as the Big Five, their symptoms resolved, some within a week.

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BENEFITS INTEGRITY

Birth went 'horribly wrong' with forceps

Sunday Herald Sun, General News, 05/07/2026, Aneeka Simonis, Page 4

A healthy baby died from severe brain injuries after an obstetrician crushed his skull with forceps during a series of questioned clinical decisions, a court has heard. The horrific delivery of Baby H at Latrobe Regional Hospital in 2019 was interrogated in a nine-day coroner's inquest which ended last week with questions still unanswered for his devastated parents and a call for a review of medical guidelines.

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

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Sex scandal doc retrains

Sunday Mail Adelaide, General News, 05/07/2026, Brad Crouch, Page 21

The GP-obstetrician banned from treating women, who is at the centre of a bombshell sex scandal which has rocked the South-East, is working to remake his life, training in new areas of medicine. Dr Jeffrey Bryan Taylor, 57, has trained in skin cancer surgery and also in men's mental health.

AUSTRALIAN CDC

ABC News, Weekend Breakfast, 04/07/2026, Fauziah Ibrahim & Johanna Nicholson

Interview with UNSW Kirby Institute Professor of Global Biosecurity Raina MacIntyre, on the spread of H5N1 bird flu in WA, SA, and NSW. MacIntyre says Australia has historically been protected from the H5N1 strain, but the virus has mutated around the world, and it's now causing a pandemic in birds and mammals, while the transmission of the virus to humans is low because humans have a different receptor. She also says she thinks that Australia is prepared to face the disease because it has the Australian CDC, which puts the nation in a stronger position.

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Channel 10, 10 News (Weekend), 04/07/2026, Georgie Tunny

NSW remains on alert as authorities work to confirm whether a sick bird located on the Mid North Coast is the state's first case of the H5 bird flu. It comes as another bird was taken away for testing after it was found dead on the South Narrabeen Beach.

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2GB, Weekends, 04/07/2026, Jason Morrison

Morrison says NSW has detected its first case of H5N1 after samples taken from the giant petrel in Hawks Nest returned a positive result of the strain, and further testing are being carried out across the weekend. He also notes that NSW Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty has urged NSW residents not to panic, and she announced that the NSW Government's \$10m investment in surveillance will be dialled up.

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OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL

Health experts worried as highly toxic drug reaches Tasmania

Sunday Examiner, General News, 05/07/2026, Owen Sinclair, Page 3

Health experts are warning about an emerging group of highly potent opioids in Tasmania, some of which can be hundreds of times stronger than morphine and stronger even than fentanyl. Nitazenes are a class of synthetic opioids developed by Swiss researchers during the 1950s as an alternative to morphine.

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