

Primary Health is a Commonwealth responsibility.



In thin rural markets, councils have become the funders of last resort for GP services — placing an unsustainable burden on local ratepayers. Data-led and Independent analysis shows rural GP services deliver strong benefits but are increasingly funded by local governments rather than the Commonwealth.

Costs

Some Councils are paying up to 16% of annual rates to attract and retain GP services in thin rural markets.

Impact

Access to local GPs deliver strong health and economic returns. Independent analysis shows every \$1 invested returns over \$3 in community health and productivity benefits.

Shifting Responsibilities

Current arrangements are shifting Commonwealth primary health costs onto small rural Councils.

Reform

Without reform, Councils must divert money from roads, infrastructure and core services. Funding GP services means less investment in essential local government responsibilities.

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