

## Labor's approach to regional and remote health

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Stephen Jones, Labor's spokesperson for regional health, will outline his party's continuing approach to health care for the people who live in more remote areas. Drawing on the federal budget, which will have been recently announced, Stephen will draw distinction between the two major parties. Central to Labor's approach is a continuing commitment to fairness for people irrespective of their location or income. As the creator and long-time supporter of Medicare, the Labor Party continues to be concerned about attacks on it, especially given that such measures particularly have adverse implications for regional, rural and remote Australians who already experience poorer access to health care, greater out-of-pocket expenses for health services, poorer health outcomes and a shorter life expectancy than metropolitan residents.