Coastal and inland health: is living inland a health hazard?

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It is now well established that people living in regional and especially remote areas have poorer health outcomes than those in major cities of Australia. But are health outcomes influenced by whether you live on the coast or inland?

This paper describes one coastal/inland classification, coastal and inland populations, and whether there are differences in the mortality experiences of people who live in regional and remote areas classified as coastal and inland.

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