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Rural Health Matters!

The **National Rural Health Alliance** represents 37 national organisations working to improve the health and wellbeing of 7 million people in rural, regional and remote Australia.

The Alliance is calling for an incoming government to commit to **four priorities** which will directly improve the health and wellbeing of rural people in Australia.

1.



Improve Indigenous Health

The burden of disease for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is 2.3 x higher than the non-Indigenous population

Young Indigenous Australians are 55 x more likely to die of rheumatic heart disease than their non-Indigenous peers

2.



Improve access to healthcare

Up to 5 x higher preventable admissions to hospital in rural Australia

Over 20% of the differential in health outcome that country people experience is attributable to issues of access - timely, appropriate and affordable access to care.

3.



Boost rural and remote health research

Rural health research attracted just 1.1% of National Health and Medical Research Council funding from 2000 to 2014

1.3 x the burden of disease in country areas, 1.3 x the death rate for people in remote

4.



Create a new National Rural Health Strategy

Urgent need for a new Strategy: no reporting has ever been done on the 2011 National Strategic Framework for Rural and Remote Health

