



Health

Emphasis must be upon prevention the first instance.

As Australians age, their need for medical services increases. We must stay abreast of world's best practice technology

Advances in technology, new investigative and correctional procedures also add to cost increases.

Advances in anaesthetics have enabled patients to undergo formerly risky procedures and this places ever increasing tax-burdens, which under our present tax-system are funded almost entirely by the PAYG tax-payer.

We must seriously address changing our tax-system in the not too distant future to maintain a basic health-care system.

One Nation Supports

- Free medical care for essential treatment. Review of what is considered "essential".
- Free basic dental care for all Australians.
- No medical litigation (unless wilful malpractice is alleged), independent
- Multi-disciplined Tribunal to assess Doctors competency to continue to practice.
- Increased funding for Disability Home Facilities.
- Upgrade Rural Hospitals.
- Training for Enrolled Nurses in Teaching Hospitals.
- Health Care Graduates required serving a minimum term at Rural Centres.
- Streamlining administration in hospitals.
- Bring back the Commonwealth Serum Laboratory and emphasis upon scientific research to insulate Australia from the effects of "big pharma" as much as possible..
- Train more Australian doctors and encourage them to practice in Australia.
- Hospitals to employ, rather than hire doctors where possible.

Reconstitution of local community management of hospitals will provide immediate responses, which distant bureaucracy is unable to supply.

Locally based management encourages community involvement in the provision of auxiliary services and provides jobs.

We will eliminate bureaucratic duplication, provide efficient services and reduce costs. No federal conditions on funding and service application will apply.

“Ageing in place”, rather than being placed in nursing homes, should be encouraged. This provides for more dignified and fulfilling final years of life. Financial assistance will be provided.

Health services should be distributed according to demographic needs, with special funding assessment given to isolated geographical regions.

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