

# Election report card for #AusVotesHealth2022

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Policy areas	Coalition	Labor	Greens
	<p><b>Liberal Party</b>  <a href="https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan">https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan</a></p> <p><b>National Party</b>  <a href="https://nationals.org.au/">https://nationals.org.au/</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.alp.org.au/">https://www.alp.org.au/</a></p>	<p><a href="https://greens.org.au/">https://greens.org.au/</a></p>
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health and wellbeing</b>	<p>There are a number of provisions in the 2022-23 Budget that are either specifically targeted at Indigenous issues or where Indigenous people / communities are likely to benefit.</p> <p>These are summarised <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>Commit to implement the <a href="#">Uluru Statement from the Heart</a> in full</p> <p>Progress a referendum to constitutionally enshrine a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution</p> <p>\$200m / 5 yrs for repair, maintenance, improvements of <a href="#">Indigenous housing</a> in remote communities.</p> <p>Doubling the number of <a href="#">Indigenous rangers</a>.</p> <p>Additional \$10m / yr for management of <a href="#">Indigenous Protected Areas</a>.</p> <p>\$40m to increase Indigenous ownership of <a href="#">water entitlements</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">First Nations Health</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$371m to increase ACCHO capacity.</li> <li>- \$1.07b to build First Nations owned healing places</li> <li>- Grow the Indigenous health workforce.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Treaty and First Nation's Justice</a></p>
<b>Aged care</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget provides \$468.3m / 5 yrs to further implement response to Royal Commission.</p> <p>Plus \$458.1m / 5 yrs for COVID-19 response.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p56 -)</p>	<p>5-point plan (<a href="#">Budget reply</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- require RN on site 24/7 in residential care</li> <li>- increase direct care to 215 minutes / day</li> <li>- formally support pay raise for aged care workers</li> <li>- require better food for residents</li> <li>- require more transparency and reporting</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Aged Care for All</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$6b to increase hours of care, introduce staff ratios, increase wages</li> <li>- Phase out private providers</li> <li>- \$260m to clear home care package wait list</li> </ul>
<b>Biomedical research</b>	<p>\$15m (via NHMRC) to determine safety, efficacy, feasibility of implementing <a href="#">mitochondrial donation reproductive technology</a> following passing of Maeve's Law.</p>		
<b>Climate change and natural disasters</b>		<p>Reduce Australia's <a href="#">emissions</a> by 43% by 2030 - on track for net zero by 2050.</p> <p><a href="#">Veteran-led Disaster Relief Australia</a> \$38.1m / 3 yrs additional funding to Disaster Relief Australia to add 5,200 volunteer veterans.</p>	<p><a href="#">Tackling the Climate Crisis</a></p>
<b>COVID-19 and pandemic preparedness</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget provides substantial funding for continued healthcare response to COVID-19 and for development of mRNA vaccine manufacturing capability.</p>	<p>See provision on Australian Centre for Disease Control</p>	<p><a href="#">A People-First Response to COVID-19</a></p> <p><a href="#">Preparing for Future Pandemics</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Includes establishment of CDC (see Public Health).</li> <li>- \$250m / 2 yrs for COVID-19 vaccine research.</li> <li>- Build publicly-owned mRNA vaccine facility.</li> <li>- Increase contributions to COVAX.</li> </ul>
<b>Dental care</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$108.5m to extend National Agreements on Public Dental Services for Adults for one year and to fund the next National Child Oral Health Study.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p67)</p>		<p><a href="#">Bring dental into Medicare</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to provide free dental care to everyone eligible for Medicare</li> </ul>
<b>Equity and out-of-pocket costs</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has provisions costed at \$525.3m / 4 yrs to lower the thresholds to the PBS Safety Net.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p75)</p>		
<b>Hospitals and acute care</b>		<p>\$135m / 4 yrs to establish a trial of <a href="#">50 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics</a>.</p>	<p>Invest additional \$8 billion / yr (from PHIR) to ensure <a href="#">50:50 funding</a> between Commonwealth and States and Territories.</p>
<b>Mental health</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget provides \$547.0m / 5yrs for Stage 2 of National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p 78)</p>	<p>\$31.3m to restore 50% regional loading to <a href="#">telehealth psychiatric consultations</a> to encourage bulk billing.</p>	<p>Make mental health part of Medicare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$4.8b to fully cover MH services under Medicare with no OOP costs.</li> <li>- \$2.5b for national rollout of the Individual Placement and Support program.</li> <li>- Increase peer workers by 1,000.</li> <li>- Specialised, ongoing mental health training for medical students and GPs</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<p>\$273m to National Diabetes Support Scheme to provide <a href="#">continuous blood glucose monitoring devices</a> to all Australians with Type 1 diabetes.</p>	<p>\$14.8m / 4 yrs to Melanoma Institute Australia to expand <a href="#">melanoma nurse program</a> nation-wide.</p>	
<b>Preventive health</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$30.1m / 4 yrs for preventive health measures that purport to be response to National Preventive Health Strategy.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p77)</p>		
<b>Primary care</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$230.7m / 5 yrs that purports to response to 10-year Primary Care Plan.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p67)</p>		
<b>Private health insurance</b>			<p>Reinvest the <a href="#">PHIR funds</a> back into public hospitals.</p>
<b>Public health</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$69.0m / 2 yrs for Japanese Encephalitis Virus National Plan.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p73)</p>	<p>Establish an <a href="#">Australian Centre for Disease Control</a></p>	<p>\$246m for establishment of operation of <a href="#">National Centre for Disease Control</a></p>
<b>Rural health</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$224.4m / 4 yrs improve access to health services and support doctors delivering primary care in rural and remote Australia.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p68)</p> <p>Budget also provides \$66.0m / 4 years to expand access to MRI services in rural and remote areas.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p64)</p>	<p>See Mental Health telehealth provision</p>	
<b>Social Determinants of Health</b>		<p>20,000 <a href="#">new social housing properties</a> over next 5 years.</p> <p>\$100m / 5 yrs for <a href="#">crisis and transitional housing options</a> for women and children fleeing domestic violence</p>	
<b>Social Justice / Human Rights</b>			<p><a href="#">Equality and Justice for All</a> - addresses harassment, discrimination, violence and poverty.</p> <p><a href="#">Building an anti-racist society</a></p> <p><a href="#">End sexism</a></p> <p>See also Treaty and First Nation's Justice</p>
<b>Targeted funding</b>	<p>\$23m for the <a href="#">Australian Precision Medicine Enterprise</a>.</p> <p>\$1.8m for permanent <a href="#">headsace</a> satellite service on <a href="#">Bribie Island</a>.</p> <p>\$5.4m to continue drug and alcohol treatment services delivered by <a href="#">Lives Lived Well</a> in Caboolture.</p> <p>\$3m to Sydney-based <a href="#">Street Side Medics</a> for primary care services to homeless.</p> <p>\$2 million to <a href="#">Good Friday Appeal</a> to support Victorian children.</p>	<p>\$5m to <a href="#">Maggie Beer Foundation</a> to improve food in aged care.</p> <p>\$1.5m to fund development of digital HearHub platform (children's hearing) run by <a href="#">Shepherd Centres</a>.</p> <p>Commitment for <a href="#">Cessnock Urgent Care Clinic</a> near <a href="#">Cessnock Hospital</a></p> <p>\$12m for aged care to <a href="#">Maronite community</a>.</p>	
<b>Tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse</b>			<p><a href="#">Drug use is a health issue</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Double Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment funding to \$900m.</li> <li>- \$39.4m for safe injecting sites.</li> <li>- legalise and regulate cannabis</li> <li>- fund pill testing.</li> </ul>
<b>Women's health Maternal and child health</b>	<p>2022-23 Budget has \$163.3m / 4 yrs for initiatives to improve women's health and support implementation of the National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p73)</p>	<p>\$38.4m / 4 yrs to expand <a href="#">new-born genetic screening</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Women's health</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure affordable access to abortion.</li> <li>- \$129m for Birthing on Country projects.</li> <li>- \$68.5m for free tampons and pads at schools and to address period stigma.</li> </ul>
<b>Workforce</b>	<p>\$36m for two new <a href="#">University Departments of Rural Health</a> to train more nurses and allied health workers in WA's South West and Goldfields regions.</p> <p>2022-23 Budget has additional \$14.9m / 2 yrs for additional scholarships for medical workforce.</p> <p>(see BP #2 p 82)</p>	<p>Allow regional and outer metro communities to <a href="#">recruit more doctors</a> of their choosing - both locals and overseas trained GPs.</p> <p>\$23 million to <a href="#">National Nurse and Midwife Health Service</a> for provision of support services.</p>	

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